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Leaked letter from Lang exposes cabinet row **Major retreats** on ending job rights for 10m

Patrick Wintour and Sources Milton

OHN MAJOR yes terday beat a hasty tactical retreat over leaked gov-ernment plans, championed by Michael Heseltine, the Dep-uty Prime Minister, designed to remove all employment protection rights for up to 10 million employees working in

A leaked letter written by lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, revealed that Mr Heseltine has been privately pressing Cabinet col-leagues to court disaffected small businesses by barring access to industrial tribunals tween five million and ten million workers.

Opposition parties and unions claimed the move her-alded the introduction of an ara of crude hire-and-fire employment practice across industry. Mr Heseltine — who runs

the Government's deregulaprogramme and is com-



In an effort to strangle the en and in breach of European Union law. Mr Lang states: "I have to controversy at birth. John Major told MPs at Prime Minister's Questions in the Com-mons that Mr Heseltine's drasay that I have grave doubts about the wisdom of making mons that Mr Heseltine's dra-matic announcement would not be made on Monday. Downing Street later con-firmed that the move, one of the most wide-ranging reduc-tions in employment rights considered by the Govern-ment, remains under active any announcement about this particular issue until we have received the law officers' advice. Any suggestion that em-ployees in smaller firms were to be denied employment righs would, of course, be imcontroversial and it firms and would therefore h subject to discrimination in breach of European Union

Earlier government legisla tion removing employment rights from all workers employed for less than two years continuously is already being

challenged. Ian Hanford, of the Federa tion of Small Businesses, said he was "absolutely delighted" by the proposals.

Employment regulations have been one of the worst burdens to impact on small businesses for many, many

But Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education spokes man, to whom the letter was leaked, said: "The notion that

96 per cent of all businesses shall have the right to hire and fire staff at will with no protection against unfair dis-missal is unthinkable." David Blunkett, the Shadow Employment spokesman, de-nounced the plans as "the thin end of the wedge and the first step to removing all protection from all employees" John Monks, TÜC gene



Asia has changed me

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Versace turns up the heat in Milan

Susannah Frankel Fashion Editor

N ARMY of super mod-Aels filled the catwalk at the Versace show in Milan last night, capping a year in which Italy's king glamour has been plagued by rumours of illbealth.

Among them was Naomi Campbell, pictured left, wearing a sheer evening dress in baby pink, en-crusted with jewels, trimmed with lace, and slit to the hips. On her feet were lime-green peep-toed slingbacks.

When Gianni Versace ap-peared on the catwalk, flanked by Ms Campbell and Claudia Schiffer, to ac-cept acclamation for his show, he looked well and happy. But earlier in the week, he admitted he had

week, he admitted he had been ill. "I have had a problem in the last year, but I feel fine," he told the trade journal Womenswear Daily. "They found a little cancer in the left ear. I was uncky that it wear ward lucky that it was very small so it could easily be removed, but I also had to have chemotherapy."

Slick trouser suits in sugar-pink, lilac and pista-chio rubbed shoulders with full-length military style leather trenches and satin slip dresses in dual colours. The look was softened by

baby swingcoats and cardi-gans. Lavender trousers

were confidently teamed

mitted to making Britain the consideration in Whitehallenterprise centre of Europe --wanted to make the an-nouncement a centrepiece of a small business conference convened by the Institute of Directors next Monday. But in a letter sent this Tuesday and leaked to the Liberal Democrats, Mr Lang fiercely resists the move, sug gesting any such proposal would be "deeply controver-sial" and possibly illegal. The revelation, and subse-quent disarray in Whitehall,

is deeply embarrassing since most Economics and Employment Ministers believe the top political priority for the Government is to increase, rather than undermine, job security.

HE oil tanker, Sea Em-

press, went on to rocks at the entrance to Mil-

ford Haven last month because those in charge of the vessel failed to anticipate a

changing tidal stream across

the estuary entrance, accord-

ing to a preliminary investi-gation published yesterday.

The accident led to a mas-sive oil spill which killed thousands of sea birds, pol-luted beaches round the coast

of west Wales, and reignited

controversy about inadequate safety standards and emer-

gency procedures for super-

tankers in the crowded sea-ways around Britain.

Empress approached the en-trance on the evening of Feb-

ruary 15, with only metres to

spare on either side, and

scarcely any water beneath the keel, her Russian captain

and local pilot knew the tidal

Yesterday's interim bulle-tin from the Marine Accident

Investigation Branch (MAIB)

makes it clear they were hop-

ing they would stay in slack

water long enough to com-plete their entry to the har-

nside

stream was about to turn.

As the 147,000-tonne Sea

David Fairball and Keith Harper

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During the Commons ex-changes with both Opposition leaders. Mr Major stressed the need to reduce burdens on small firms saying: "There can be no employment rights if there is no employment. What we are seeking to do is to maintain a fair balance between the rights of employees and the burdens on employers. We are therefore propos-ing to reduce or remove un-

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Mr Lang's letter shows his deep concerns that the pro-posal could prove unlawful, possibly in view of a recent Lords ruling that government measures cutting back employment rights for part-time workers were discriminatory

Turning tides

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Tide change put tanker on rocks

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beginning to drag tanker sideways out of the channel,

7,40pm Pilot boards Sea Empress. Tide

lack. Tanker heads for narrow entrance,

might be imprudent to attract such criticism only to have to posals would deprive millions retract the proposals at a later date."

Employment law experts predicted the move could af-fect between five to 10 million

2 miles

8.07pm Course corrections

fail to halt tidal drift. Sea Empress grounds on rocks

Milford Haven

fact between five to 10 million employees, depending on the size of firm the Government chose to exclude. Most ex-peris said the Government was probably intending to free firms employing 20 or fewer employees. They be-lieve the move would be sub-iect to an immediate High ject to an immediate High Court challenge on the basis that women are dispropor-that women are disproporthat women are dispropor-tionately employed in small jungle from Tarzan".

of British citizens of any rights at work. It would take Mr Lang also queried Mr Britain back to Victorian Heseltine's claim that the tri-bunal system cost £200m a reward bad employers and penalise good ones." . Bill Morris, the Transport

and General Workers Union general secretary, said: " You cannot build world class com-

environmental catastrophe. The MAIB bulletin contra-

dicts runours that communi-cation difficulties between

pilot, captain and helmsman

played a part. But it does comment that "the master and the pilot had not dis-cussed and agreed a plan for the approach to the entrance to the most changed."

to the west channel".

Patten looks to low-tax future

Alex Brummer in Hong Kong and Michael White

But Mr Patten left little doubt that he would return to

HRIS PATTEN yester Britain with a very different vision of Toryism formed by his experiences in Asia. No intelligent politician could Cday set out his stall for a post-1997 bid for the Tory leadership after five years as Governor of Hong Kong in which he has come to accept that lower taxes and public spending are vital to renewed economic vitality in

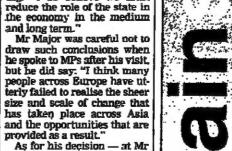
In a wide ranging interview with the Guardian at Government House, he disclosed that he had received several offers ing. "I do believe we must reduce the role of the state in

draw such conclusions when he spoke to MPs after his visit, but he did say: "I think many people across Europe have ut-terly failed to realise the sheer size and scale of change that has taken place across Asia and the opportunities that are provided as a result."

tion. They had spent more time discussing the leadership of "Mr Atherton and Mr

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intelligent politician could look at "the balance between tax and spending in Asla and taxation and spending in Europe and not think there are some lessons for Europe." He made clear that in gov-ernment he would advocate a shrinking of the public sector and a lower taxation regime. He had concluded, while in Hong Kong, that there had to be a relationship between slugggish growth high unem-ployment and public spend-



As for his decision — at Mr Patten's behest - to grant 2.5 million Hong Kong Chinese the right of entry to Britain without visas, he told the Commons 1.2 billion people already bad such rights.

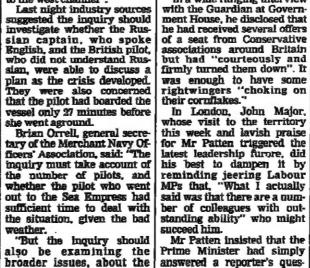
Still the governor, page 9 Myths of Patton's pattern,

green shoes with flame tights worked beautifully. For the evening, there were full-length sequin, lace or jewel-trimmed body-skimming creations or tiny silver skirts worn with sheer shirts open to

the waist. The show was the high point of fashion's current love affair with heated colours, over which Versace reigns supreme. PHOTOGRAPH: STEFANO RELLANDIN

"★★★★★ Hollywood come in please your time is up...Trainspotting is here and it's toe-curlingly good"





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also be examining the broader issues, about the types of ship which are per-mitted to use our ports, and the kind of training avail-

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will also try to determine how the salvage operation went so wrong, turning what might have been merely a serious grounding incident into an be published in about a year. In the bar of the the conser-tion, since his term ends in

tide had changed and was moving them towards the southern side, it was too late. attempted the entrance at such an awkward moment -The tide had taken charge. The interim bulletin says just before low water, in dark-ness, with the offshore tide on there was "a shuddering vithe turn — but this will be a key question for the rest of bration, then a sound from the deck below of liquid being the inquiry. The investigation forced under pressure and a strong smell of oil" as the vessel slewed on to the rocks.

The bulletin gives no indi-

cation why the Sea Empress

GRAPHIC, INTEVE VILLIER

bour. By the time the changed bearing of the harbour lead-ing lights told them that the alarmingly to starboard.



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Prospect of referendum is aimed at calming Tory rightwing critics ahead of European white paper

my early hubris

How Joe deflated PM hint on single currency



Simon Hoggart

A DULL day in the Com-mons, so I decided to write about Joe Minogue instead. His funeral was held yesterday in his home city of Salford.

Joe was deputy news editor of the Guardian in Manches-ter when I joined the paper, many years ago. His death brought back keen memories of Cross Street, still the paper's spiritual home: the sloping desks, the decrepit typewriters, the atmosphere a cross between a public bar and a particularly quiet gentlemen's club.

For instance the news editor, Harry Whewell, often bawled you out, but would insist on covering up the total on your expenses sheet as he signed, on the grounds that no Guardian reporter would ever dream of fiddling.

It was a time of great change in newspapers. Traditionally, reporters had been bright working class boys who had missed higher education but were too clever for manual work. They were being replaced by wet behind the ears graduates such as me. Some of the old guard could

be a touch curmudgeonly, in-sisting that we paid our dues with funerals and house fires. But Joe was always encourag-ing and welcoming. Like the st journalists, he was a sceptic but never a cynic. He also had a wicked sense of humour, deployed swiftly against anyone who got too pleased with himself. Once I was asked to cover a football match in Blackpool.

This was to be my big break: I would be the new Neville Cardus, and the world would gasp at my lambent, perfectly chamfered prose. Chelses, then top of Division One, won 4-3, and I spent the whole kend on my report. It began something like lackpool took on the Gods of Chelsea, and like the protago-nist of a Greek tragedy, were

bris. And just as Oedipus Rex put out his own eyes, so it was Blackpool's fullback who sealed defeat with an own goal in the final minute." For some reason this was printed as written, and I swaggered into work to hear the

plaudits of my colleagues. Oddly enough, none of them mentioned the piece — now, I realise, out of kindness. Finally Joe, then night editor, arrived for work at 5. "Read your report," he said in his broad Lancashire accent.

destroyed by their own hu-

"I enjoyed it." I muttered something falsely modest. "Will you answer me one question?" he went on. Of course, of course. "Were they playing with a ball, or with a bleeding

discus? He will be hugely missed. Back in the Commons, the ig news was that scientists have found a way to clone identical sheep. This must cer-tainly have excited the whips. The question is, which back-

bencher to clone? My suggestion is Michael Fabricant. His wash 'n' wear hair already gives him the look of a sheep, and he is just about as docile and biddable as can be. Hardly a day passes without his asking some grov elling, flattering question of the front bench.

Imagine how Tony Blair would feel if they were faced with 300 identical Fabricants, their dazzling rugs reflecting the TV lights, voices bleating in unison about Britain's wonderful economy. Labour would be totally flummozed. They would have to clone Den-nis Skinner in revenge.

the most buoyant retail condi-tions since the late 1980s. The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, met Eddie George, the governor of the Bank of Eng-Mr Dennis Turner (Lab, Wolverhampton SW) is a for-mer bingo caller. He asked the land, yesterday afternoon to discuss economic policy, and analysts are convinced base Chancellor to reduce the tax on bingo. He was wearing a shiny bingo caller's suit, pos-sibly made from the same marates would be cut by 0.25 points to 6 per cent when the terial as Michael Fabricant's hair. He claimed that these days callers refer to the number 10 not as 'Major's Den'' but

"Blair's Lair". What other parliamentary what other parliamentary numbers could there be? "Legs 11 — Edwina Currie" perhaps, or "89 — two fat Soames", or, after the next by-election, "On its own, Number One, Major's Majority." I have an idea for who could

be number 69, but in these unpleasantly litigious times, I shall keep it to myself.

First night of British Industry. The CBI's quarterly distributive trades survey showed shops and stores starting to push up prices in response to stronger spending. Retailers' New themes in

Michael White Political Editor OHN MAJOR yes-

ing the circumstances in which a referendum might or might not be appropriate. " "We will tell the House of terday dangled the prospect of an early government comour conclusions as soon as mitment to a referwe have reached them." endum on British member-With Downing Street officials privately confirming that a decision will come in ship of a single European currency in front of restless rightwing critics in a calcu-"weeks not months", that lated bid to calm his party ahead of next week's Eurowas enough to persuade many MPs on both sides that the Cabinet is edging painpean white paper. Prompted by Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of the backfully towards accepting the sity of such a move, not

bench 1922 Committee and an arch-loyalist, the Prime least because Tony Blair might otherwise beat them Minister insisted that his own agnostic views had not to it. Party strategists in both changed on the option: "It Labour and Tory camps

Home loan

boost Clarke

cut set to

Larry Elliott and Sarah Ryle

the Budget as the Gov-ernment seeks to capitalise on

markets open today. Britain's leading mortgage

electoral fortunes.

HE City is preparing today for the third cut in interest rates since

would prefer to delay that (for Mr Major has been that could be a necessary step. moment because they know But he added: "At present the Government is consider that while a decision on a single currency is at least two years away -- and unlikely even then - outright opponents of British involvement will start campaigning immediately for a No. That calculation is made more urgent by Sir James Goldsmith's threat to run candidates against MPs who

do not back a referendum. Those with marginal seats, where the result could be affected by a maverick challenge, are already beginning to sign up for one. "It's only a matter of time

before we cave in," says one former cabinet minister. The other tactical problem

pro-single currency advo-cate, is also its most vocal ent of a referendum. Michael Heseltine and Michael Portillo have also had doubts, not least, in Mr Portillo's case, that voters would be presented with a fait accompli campaign for a Yes. There are signs they are wavering in the interest of cabinet unity, leaving Mr

his Chancellor, Kenneth

Clarke, the Cabinet's

Clarke appearing isolated. On Radio 4's Today pro gramme yesterday - before the morning Cabinet - he said the time was not right to decide either on the currency or a referendum.

"I'm not a federalist. I be | will be debated on Thursday week, March 21, rather than lieve in a union of nation

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ates. "Let's decide whether it's have time to consider it in this nation state's [interproperly. Officials stress that it will contain few sur-prises. Ironically, the single est] to go in or not when we see what the animal looks like — and when we see currency issue is not on the whether or not it's ever go-IGC agenda.

ing to happen," he said. What seems to have trig shot across his leader's bow at Question Time, when he gered yesterday's cabinet decision to dangle the referensked which EU atrocity best justified the success of the commission's "Interfere in Britain Week" - the Eurodum option is the need to offer the Tory sceptics more than they are likely to get pean Court of Justice's fishing verdict, interference over regional food names like Cheddar cheese, or commission investigators' "dawn raid" on the Football

when the white paper, out-lining Britain's position ahead of this month's inter-Association

Norman Lamont fired a

governmental conference (IGC), is published, probably on Tuesday. At Labour insistence, it

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"So Eddie and I will sit down, look at each other across the table, have our usual discussion, talk about how to get inflation down to 2.5 per cent and keep it there, and I trust come to the right decision. John Shepperd, chief econo-mist with Japanese bank Yamaichi, said: "Every man and his dog out there believes there is going to be a rate cut. But I wouldn't be surprised for there then to be a three-"At the moment the City is prepared to give the Chancel lor the benefit of the doubt. But if he pushes his luck too

lenders have pledged that they will cut the cost of home loans if rates are shaved, far, what currently seems to be justified on economic grounds might start to look helping to underpin the na-scent recovery in the housing politically inspired CBI data showed that 52 per cent of retailers questioned thought sales would rise over market that the Governme sees as crucial to revive its the next four months while

However, some analysts said last night that hopes of a only 7 per cent expected a fall. This was in stark contrast to string of rate cuts over the a year ago, when more retailers were predicting a de-cline in sales volumes than coming months had been lampened by yesterday's upbeat survey of consumer de-mand from the Confederation were forecasting a rise. Despite the survey evi

ience, Alastair Eperon, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades panel, said he thought a quarter-point cut would be

tion's chief economist. Kate

good news". The employers' organisa-

Unemployment

UK seasonally adjusted unemployment, millions

Walking back to happiness . . . The rise in shoe sales is seen as an indicator of a reviving economy Photograph GARRY WEASEP

Retail sales Index of retail sales, (1990=100)

Interest rates Inflation % change over 12 months

Synge-song land

Michael Billington

The Beauty Queen of Leenane

Royal Court Theatre Upstairs

ARDLY a week goes by without the emergence of a 25-year-old dramatist. The latest, in a rich period for new writing, is Martin McDonagh, whose The Beauty Queen of Leenane — co-pro-duced by Galway's Druid Theatre and the Royal Court — is an astonishingly assured debut. It exploits Irish theatrical tradition and, at the same time, subtly undermines it.

McDonagh's setting is familiar. a rural cottage in the Connemara mountains. And when one is confronted by the 40-year-old Maureen tethered to a vindictive, repressive mother, the nagging Mag, one suspects one is in for one of those plaintive dramas about the denial of life. The impression is confirmed when Mau-reen has a brief, one-night fling with Pato Dooley, who navvies in London and who is about to leave for Boston and whose invitation to her to join

him, we know, is foredoomed. This is Synge country, a study of solitude and desertion in western Ireland. But McDonagh takes a stock form and reanimates it in several ways. In the first place, by showing that Maureen, far from being a self-pitying spin-ster, is every bit as ruthless as her exploitative mother. As excellently played by Marie Mullen, Maureen is full of ancient grudges and gets a savage delight out of serving her mum lumpy Complan or even pouring boiling fat over

her. Maureen, we gradually

realise, is not so much wistful as severely damaged. McDonagh also brings a post-modern irony to his Synge-song fable. The Galway village has become a global village as the characters

moodily stare at Australian soaps on the box. And there is one tremendous scene in which Pato's brother, Ray, delivers a crucial love-letter to the absent Maureen. As the mother greedily eyes the all-important letter, it becomes a keep on track.

plot-device straight out of Bou cicault. At the same time, as Ray beats his head against the wall in frustration, the scene wittily catches the poleaxing boredom of Irish rural life. McDonagh, who has Gal-way forebears but lives in London, where he is attached to the National Theatre Studio, is both exploiting and exposing Celtic myth. This is a world where the radio still spews out Delia Murphy sing ing The Spinning Wheel, while the young, like Ray,

yearn for Mancunian drug culture and regard the passing by of a calf as an event. Garry Hynes's production

expertly catches the play's ten sion between ancient and modern. Francis O'Connor's cottage set, down to the illumi nated crucifix, is a model of rustic realism, and Anna Manahan as the slyly oppres sive mother and Tom Murphy as the message-bearing Ray lend their big scene the tension of high comedy. Only Brian F. O'Byrne seems slightly miscast as Pato since he looks a generation younger than Mullen's magnificently entrapped Maureen. But it's an outstanding first play that makes you impatient for more from McDonagh.

Barker said there would be no at their highest since Deceminflationary dangers in a Mr Clarke did little to dissmall rate cut today and it pel speculation about a rate would underpin the revival of cut on Radio 4 yesterday. He consumer demand which is said he was "very bouncy about the economy", but he hinted that his confident preexpected to strengthen as the

sales growth projections are

year goes on. She said the CBI hoped this dictions of 3 per cent growth this year were based, in part, would sustain economic activity by offsetting the weakon cheaper borrowing. "Everything in the garden

ness in the manufacturing sector, although this too was set to benefit from a predicted isn't all rosy out there. What we have is the prospect of being a very strong enterprise pick-up in exports. Although some retailers are economy with more secure jobs, more prosperity, more opportunities for people if we

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chance of a rapid rise in infla- | tivities including extensive tion. Mr Eperon said: "We are promotions planning to use stronger con-sumer demand to raise prices over the coming months, the CBI believes there is little ing from a whole range of ac-crease in sales. Last month shops selling shoes, furniture and carpets reported the strongest in-

Patient turns gun on himself

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

Start a mental health clinic watched in horror as a patient shot himself in the head after they failed to persuade him to lay down a Security is to be reviewed

at the 24-bour emergency clinic at the Maudsley hospi-tal, south London, after the fatal shooting in the early

hours of Wednesday. One male and three female staff were on duty. The man who died, who was aged 26 and not known to

who was the only patient in the clinic at the time, was seen in reception by the woman nurse but proved uncom-municative - asking for help.

enced and well-trained, but you can never be prepared for somebody pulling a gun out." said Ben Thomas, director of clinical services. The incident highlights the dishing it about. He was obvi-

pressures on mental health services, particularly in inner-cities. Mental health workers report rising severity of illness among patients not in hospital.

recent government inquiry suggest the suicide rate among the mentally ill is at east two a day.

violence faced by mental dead shortly after police ar-health workers in London rived. The staff are said to be presented a real problem. "It's become a different sort of atmosphere. You only get | hold an investigation

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To command respect, a legal system must approximate justice. Yet our Courts have failed to apply to Ministers the standards and penalties that apply to Local Government.

Now the Shadow Lord Chancellor warns against "judicial supremacism." But the Judiciary is not obliged to defer to Ministers or Parliament when conduct or statutes are not consistent with natural justice. To argue otherwise is to endorse government by diktat and dogma, not law.

But the Head of the Judiciary is in the Cabinet and implicated in all Government decisions: judges may be seen to be compromised by that connection. Historically a blind eye has been turned to this constitutional crisis. This must not continue.

Until the Lord Chancellor leaves the Cabinet, the Judiciary's moral authority will be in dispute. Under such grave circumstances, all contentious Government actions, such as rail privatisation, should not proceed.

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Doctors speak out against criminal prosecution threat

Doctors yesterday spoke be their patients' interests. The BMA was voicing its concern at the rising number tion over clinical mistakes or negligence, writes David involving patient deaths -**Brindle**

Sandy Macara, chairman of the British Medical Associa- cution Service.

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concern at the rising number of medical files - usually listeners. being referred by police or

coroners to the Crown Prosefurious with Radio 1. Over the Brilish Medical Associa-tion, said it was deplorable that doctors faced being treated like criminals for act-ing in what they believed to



Fab Three . . . banned along with Status Quo and Sir Cliff

Radio 1 blacklists 'unsuitable' latest single by The Beatles

Michael Ellison Arts Correspondent

listeners is rubbish. Our research after the Beatles' Anthology was launched revealed that 41 per cent of revealed that 41 per cent of buyers were teenagers." About 250 singles are released each week and 60 are chosen for the playlist by a committee of Radio 1 producers. "Each record is obcome on worked marit STATUS Que were one Sthing, indeed some would say they were one song. But yesterday the nation's biggest pop radio station turned positively chosen on musical merit and The Beaties weren't deemed to be suitable this conoclastic and dumped The Beatles. The most successful

group in history are in good company on Radio 1's time," said a spokeswoman for the station, which lost blacklist, along with pop legends such as Mr Blobby, five million listeners in three years after adopting a policy of "distinctive" Michael Barrymore and

broadcasting and a lower audience age profile. Its lis-Sir Cliff Richard. The station has decided that the once loveable mopteners have stabilised at tops' new single, Real Love, released last Monday. is 11.2 million. "It's to do with each indi every bit as good as Status vidual record; there is no

Quo's Fun Fun Fun. That is han on any hand," said the spokeswoman. "And it's to say, it is just not good spokeswoman. "And it's enough to be heard by its not ageist. We've got Bowie and Sting on the playlist." Geoff Baker, spokesman | • Oasis, the Beatles soundfor the Beatles' Apple alike band for the '90s, won Records, said: "We are two prizes in the Music two prizes in the Music Week 96 awards last night.

into hospital now if you are really very disturbed. "While we want to provide

an open facility so that people who are ill can come to the clinic. on the other hand we are in an inner-city area with high levels of disturbance and high crime rates, and you have to think about security

of the premises. You cannot put staff at risk." The man who died, named

the clinic, apparently bran-dished the pistol at the staff. Their manager yesterday paid tribute to their courage and composure.

but refusing to say much "They are all very experi about himself. 'He went into the pocket of his trousers and pulled out a gun, a revolver. He was bran-

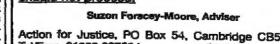
ously highly disturbed. The nurse called to the male member of staff and left the scene. Her colleague ar-rived and told him to put the gun down but he would not do

so. The male nurse then with-Figures collected by a drew into the adjoining office. "The man started to point the gun at the office window, then suddenly turned it on

himself." Mr Thomas said the level of The man was pronounced shocked and are receiving counselling. The hospital will

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by police as Peter Cooley, of Walworth, south London, arrived at the clinic at about lam on Wednesday. He was admitted after speaking to a nurse through an intercom. Mr Thomas said the man.



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NEWS 3

Europe hit by return of diseases

Tim Redford Science Editor

HE World Health to halt the alarming spread of once-forgotten diseases across Europe. Officials want \$20 million (about £13 million) and co-operation in a 10-point programme to con-tain cholera, diphtheria and sexually transmitted diseases. and to collaborate eases, and to contacorate against invasion by terrifying infections from the Tropics, Since 1990, syphilis infec-tions in eastern Europe have risen dramatically □ Cholera cases have risen ninefold, mostly in the Black

Sea region, to 2,658 cases. eliminated, has returned. Last year there were 52,000 cases and 1,500 deaths, but the rate of infection has grown so fast that experts have begun to brace themselves for up to 200,000 infections.

The alarm is far wider than the European Union: the "Europe" of the WHO stretches from Greenland to the Mediterranean, and across Siberia to the Russian Pacific, taking in 50 countries radiance, taking in overcontrass and 850 million people. It in-cludes many nations once in the Soviet Union. Up to 1990, despite the cold war, Western and communist nations co-operated in disease control and surveillance. Measles was rare, cholera almost unknown and polio - already extinct in the Americas was dwindling swiftly. "What happened?" asked Jo

Asvall, regional director of the WHO at a London conference yesterday. "There was a very happy event, which was the collapse of the communist system and the emergence of many new countries. Unfortunately at the very same time we had a fantastic economic collapse of those countries country like Moldova lost 60

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per cent of its gross national product in three years; Kyrgyzstan 50 per cent in three ears, and so on As economies crumbled.

Organisation last immunisation programmes night launched a bid collapsed, and fundamental collapsed, and fundamental services - water and sewage and disease surveillance also faltered.

"In consequence we are see-ing a re-emergence of diseases that we thought were safely behind us. Communicable diseases won't stop at border crossings." Dr Asvall said. The most alarming had

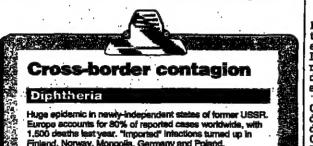
been diphtheria. More than 80 per cent of all the world's in-fections had occurred in the former eastern bloc last year. Half of all the cases in Ukraine were among adults, which suggested that earlier immunisation had only been partial. "Imported" infections had already turned up in Fin-land, Norway, Mongolia, Poland and Garmany Poland and Germany. The WHO also wants funds

to redouble efforts to elimi-nate polio worldwide. Around 60 million children in 18 countries in the eastern Mediterranean and the Caucasus region were immunised in 1995. The WHO had planned to wipe out the virus in Europe, but infections in Chechenia rose to 130 during the war.

All this was against a sharp rise in sexually transmitted diseases in eastern Burope, with an associated risk of the spread of Aids. There was increased need for surveillance against Hantvirus from the Americas, and dramatic fe

vers such as Ebola from Af-rica. Tuberculosis was on the increase worldwide: in the next decade there would be 300 million infections. "There will be 90 million cases because tuberculosis does not always develop in in-

fected people. Thirty million people will die of tuberculosis in the next 10 years — more than from Aids, malaria and tropical diseases together."



A tale of two Tonys . . . Tony Benn, left, and Tony Booth, second right, on the same election platform with Cherie Blair in Thanet North in 1983 . Express puts Cherie Blair in dock

Tabloid digs for 'incriminating' details of 1983 election campaign

Patrick Wintour and Andrew Cuif

emerged yesterday when the Daily Excress placed local newspaper adverts asking for details of her. Thanet North

tion campaign, largely based around a photograph of her sitting on an election plat-

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of power".

recently been defeated in his campaign to win the deputy leadership. The story carried the headline: "Two Tonys who taught Cherie about Socialism

The local Labour Party has been reluctant to give Mr Hit-chens a copy of Mrs Blair's manifesto, which is also being sought by the Daily Star. Mr Blair has already found his 1982 Beaconstield busies.

- dubbing her "cabinet-maker Cherie" - suggested she was "behaving like Hilla-ry Clinton as an unelected power behind the throne". Her offence, in the eyes of the paper, had been to let slip one of the 1 abourd arout the train as of the Labour's worst-kept se-crets that Lord Irvine of Lairg will become Lord Chancellor if the party wins power. The same book launch

party produced another Mail headline: "Cherie pledges to boost gay rights". Photo-graphs of Mrs Blair and Mrs Clinton accompanied the story as the paper suggested

DO YOU REMEMBER 1983?

The Daily Express is looking for mementoes of Cheric Booth's parliamentary campaign in early 1983. We would like to see leaflets and election addresses, and would also like to hear about speeches she made in Margate and Ramsgate.

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Peter Hitchens ... Likely to strike fear in Labour's heart

'Bias is my trade'

THE wit and wisdom of Peter Hitchens: C. "Blased reporting is my trade these days... The trouble is that, while I am quite open about what I do . . some others are not. I refer, of course, to the BBC . . . " - 1985

In this age of smoking bans and seatbelts, how about some safety legislation to keep young men and women from entering poli-tics until they have done a real job. Such a law would have saved Neil Kinnock from his present fate." — 1993

"I looked across the table and saw the mocking face of Old Death in the same room as me. Dead eyes, dead face, dead skin, dead hair, hands shaped for carrying coffins." — on Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, 1994

She has abandoned the suburban sadism which she learned from Ian Brady all those years ago, only to replace it with the jargon of self-justification. - on Myra Hindley's letter to the Guardian, 1995

 "As one of the British correspondents who covered the execution in Georgia last year of Nicholas In-gram (and the only one to witness it). I experienced a certain amount of disdain from one or two of my col-leagues, because I felt Mr Ingram's punishment was both merited and just. This lofty scorn is the normal response of the conformist elite class which now a

RESH signs that the rightwing press in-tends to target Charie Blair, wife of the our leader, in the run-up to the general election

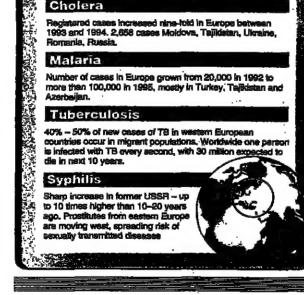
election campaign in 1983. Conservative Central Office, having witnessed the damage Hillary Clinton has done to the popularity of Bill Clinton, intend to portray Mrs Blair, formerly Cherie

form accompanied by her father Tony Booth, the actor, and Tony Benn, who had

and neither was her husba

In the past year Mrs Blair, a barrister, has been targeted by the Daily Mail and the Ex-press, with reporters trailing her on obscure court cases around the country. Last month the Daily Mail

Labour leader's wife faces accusations of leftwing influence from Tory newspapers



Booth, as an unreconstructed leftwinger who betrays the real nature of the Labour Party.

also like to hear about speeches she made in Mar-gate and Ramsgate. If you can help, please contact Peter Hit-

chens in confidence." The ad-

tion manifesto repeatedly wheeled out against him by Conservative Central Office. The manifesto called for Brit The advert, placed in the Thanet Times, implies that ish withdrawal from the European Union and removal of cruise missiles, unilater-Daily Express journalist Peter Hitchens is innocently seeking souvenirs. If reads: "Do you remember 1983? The Daily Express is looking for mementoes of ally if necessary. It is unlikely that Mrs Blair's 1983 mani-festo against Roger Gale, the sitting Tory MP, was radi-cally different. Cherie Booth's parliamentary campaign in early 1963. We would like to see leaflets and election addresses, and would

Mr Hitchens, however, has a reputation likely to strike fear into the hearts of Labour's spin doctors. The former member of the Socialist Workers' Party was hauled back from his job as Moscow correspondent dur-ing the last election to snap at the heels of Neil Kinnock. He was instrumental in the

vert then gives a free tele-phone number. Mr Hitchens has already published one article about Mrs Blair's 1983 general elec-damaged Labour's campaign.

US court legalises euthanasia

peals bench, sitting in San Francisco.

Controversial ruling set to trigger a bitter political and ethical row

Martin Walker in Weshington

"A mentally competent, ter-minally ill adult, having lived nearly the full measure of his life, has a strong liberty inter-est in choosing a dignified and humane death." The decision by the 9th cir-cuit federal appeals court was condemned yesterday by the American Medical Associa-tion, the Catholic Church, and the anti-abortion lobby, who claimed the ruling crossed "the essential line be "A mentally competent, ter-UTHANASIA is now legal and protected by the United States constitution, a federal appeals court has ruled by a margin of eight to three, in a historic judgment which overturned a state's attempt to outlaw doc-

tor-assisted suicide. In over 200 years of US law, a constitutionally protected who claimed the ruling right to medical aid to kill oneself has never been as-tween letting a person die and deilberately destroying life". In over 200 years of US law, serted by a high court. The stage is now set for a tumultu-But it was greeted with a cry of "Hallelujah" by Aids activists, who had filed an *amicus curine* brief in the ous national debate, with pro-found international implications, if euthanasia becomes commonplace in the US. case. "For those facing death

There is a constitutionally with Aids, court recognition protected liberty interest in determining the time and manner of one's own death." of their private right to die with dignity will give them a lot of peace." said Kelly Scott. manner of one's own death." said Judge Stephen Rein- of the Aids Foundation in hardt, summing up for the Seattle, where the case was majority of the federal ap- heard.

The ruling was then cited | abridge the privileges or im-in a separate court yesterday | munities of citizens", without in Michigan as requiring that | spelling out what those privi-Judge Robert Beezer, speak-ing for the minority of three judges on the appeals panel who dissented from the rulall charges be dismissed against Dr Jack Kevorkian, undergoing his third trial for

assisting at a suickle. The legal decision, which will stand unless overturned ing, warned that reliance on the amendment was unsound, by the Supreme Court, in-stantly rendered void the and would lead to greater laws passed in the states of Washington and California

abuse. "If physician-assisted sui-cide is made a constitutional making it a criminal offence for a doctor or family member right, voluntary euthanasia or friend to assist at a suicide. for weaker patients, unable to Judge Reinhardt's ruling self-terminate, will soon folangered the anti-abortion low," he wrote, in an opinion movement by comparing the decision to terminate one's foreshadowing the ethical de-bate the legal decision is expected to unleash. life to the decision to have an In emotional testimony be-

abortion. He also based his ruling on fore the appeals court, family the 14th amendment of the US constitution. This was also the basis for the assumed members who supported eu-thanasia told of being forced by the now overturned law to "right to privacy" which jusleave the room when a spouse tified the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe versus Wade decicommitted suicide. A daugh ter whose father had terminal sion that there was an inherlung cancer, spoke of waiting ent constitutional right to downstairs for the sound of the gun as he shot himself -The 14th amendment says "a brutal and awful experi-"No state shall make or en- ence for my children and force any law which shall me".

She came to realise the underground world was limitless. At each level she heard of deeper, more frightening places, like a cliff which is to be found at the end of a natural tunnel in the Manhattan bedrock. In this cliff, they say, there are hollows where people live like nesting birds, seldom talking to each other but making odd screeching noises.

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1.72 Thanks for the memory: the Express ad in the Thanet Times public life." — 1996 Clinton in Mrs Blair's vision

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Tests for would-be clergy will include arranging shapes in sequence and completing questionnaires to check behaviour and motivation



Clerics at a Lambeth conference. Recruitment of priests is to depend more on cognitive tests, with less bias towards Oxbridge PHOTOGRAPH GARRY WEASER

Church tries to end 'academic bias'

adelaine Bundin **Religious Affairs Editor**

HE Church of Eng-land has called in per-sonnel consultants to devise psychological testing of candidates for the priesthood to counterbalance recruitment bias towards the more articulate and

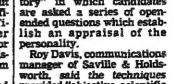
Applicants will also be subected to cognitive tests such as playing with shapes, ar-ranging them in sequence and spotting the odd one out, to test their powers of deductive reasoning. Other question-naires are being drawn up by psychometric consultants to deave out hebricoural pat draw out behavioural pat-terns and test the motivation terns and test the motivation of prospective priests. The tests are part of an overhaul of clergy selection which has been given fresh impetus by the Nine O'Clock Service scandal last August when it was discovered that Chris Brain had been "fast-tracked" through his ordinatracked" through his ordina-tion while he was sexually molesting women in his CONE egation.

The testing, drawn up by Recruitment and Assessment Services, is advocated as a neans to correct the "Ox-uridge factor" whereby for-nal academic qualifications **Recruitment and Assess** Recruitment and Assessment Services, is advocated as a means to correct the "Ox-bridge factor" whereby for-mal academic qualifications have undue weight in the pro-cess. The Church is still domi-nated by university gradu-ates, with a disproportionate number from Oxbridge. The greater weight than intellec-tual skills.

The tests being tried out are expected to be introduced in January at the three day number from Oxbridge. The recent survey of General Synod showed that more than 70 per cent of bishops were Oxbridge graduates and selection conferences. A spokesman for the ABM emphasised that the techniques would not replace the existing emphasis on interviews, and nearly 70 per cent of clergy in synod are university-educated. that selection took place ducated. "The cognitive tests will

within the context of prayer and worship. Saville & Holdsworth, one of the United Kingdom's fore-most psychometric consul-tants, is advising the Church show more accurately the capacity for logical thought of people without formal acapeople without formal aca-demic expertise. Perhaps someone who has left school at 16 could still have the capacity to study theology but it would be masked by a diffi-dence and lack of confi-dence," said Christopher Cunliffe, vocations officer for the Advisory Board of Minis-try (ABM), the training arm of the Church. on interview techniques and is drafting a "personal inven-tory" in which candidates are asked a series of open-ended questions which establish an appraisal of the personalit

provided "objective, scientific data" to help employers reach



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of the Church. The shift in policy, reported in today's Church Times, will criticism from tradition-

'Council coppers'

News in brief

could help police

LOCAL authority police forces, dressed in uniforms similar to those of regular officers, could act as "eyes and ears" for the full-time service, an independent report has found.

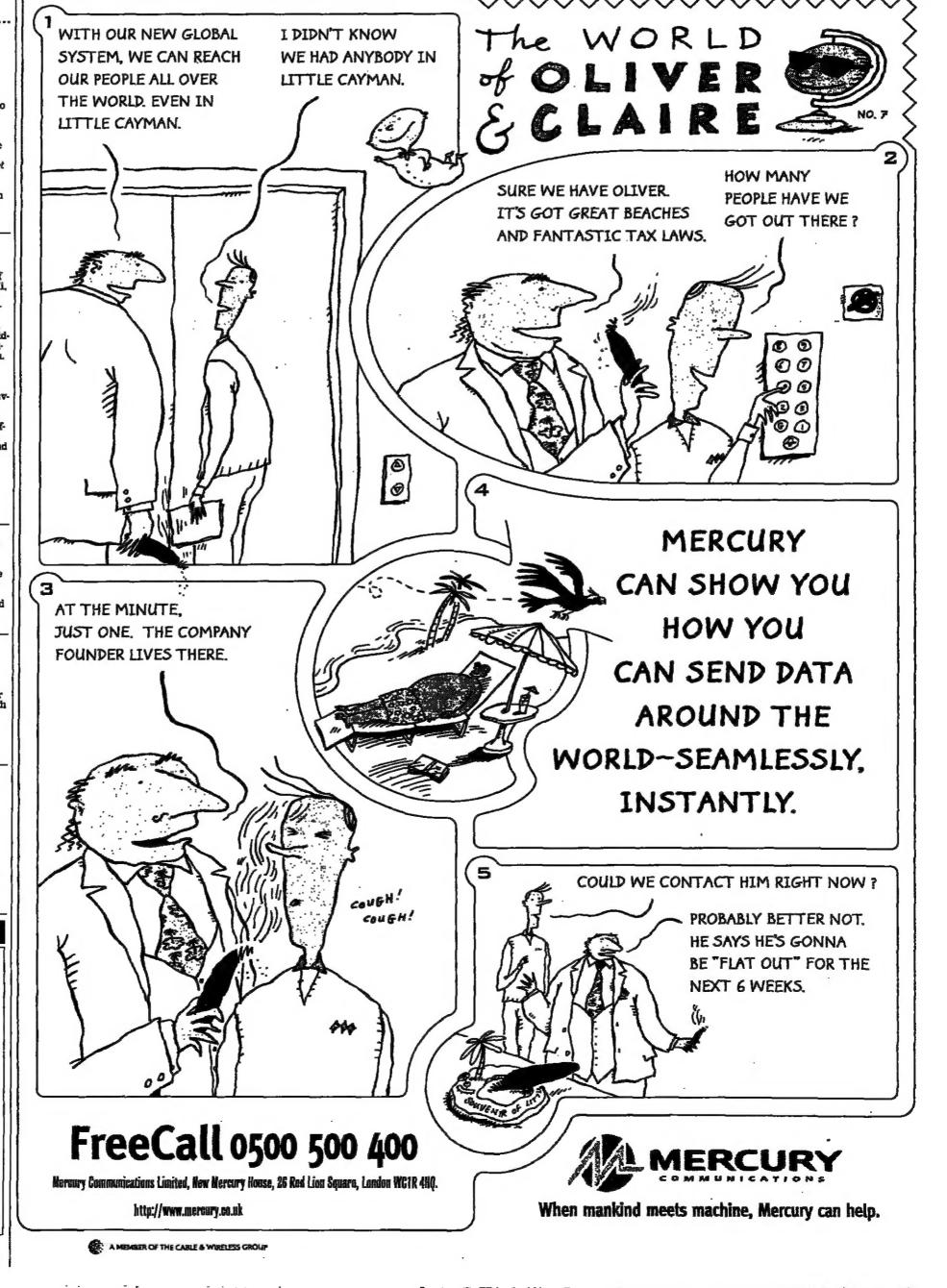
Local authorities should also be free to experiment with private security patrols to augment the work of the police, the study suggests.

The inquiry on the role and responsibilities of the police, set up by the Police Foundation and the Policy Studies Institute, suggests that the police will have to make wide-ranging changes because of the high levels of crime, the constraints on public expenditure and an increasingly competitive private security industry. — Duncan Campbell

Hi-De-Hi star Cadell dies

SIMON CADELL, left, star of the BBC TV comedy Hi-De-Hi, died yesterday of cancer. He had found he had lymph cancer as he recovered from a heart attack three years ago. Cadell, aged 45, leaves a widow, Becky, and two sons, Pat-rick, aged 10, and Alec, seven. Despite his illness he appeared in West End produc-tions and won the Olivier Award for his last role in Travels with My Aunt. yed the up entertainments manager, Jeffrey Fairbrother, at Maplins oliday camp in Hi-De-Hi, and his TV career also included two series of Enemy at the Door for LWT, three of Life without George, and the comedy Blott on the Land-

cape. Obituary, page 10





Defector's substitute chosen

CONSERVATIVES in West Devon and Torridge have chosen Tyneside businessman Ian Liddell-Grainger, aged 36, to fight the seat for them at the next election following the defection of their MP, Emma Nicholson, to the Liberal Democrats.

The Territorial Army major, married with three children, said he would move to the constituency. — Geoffrey Gibbs

More holidays for Britons

BRITONS are taking more holidays, but spend most of their leisure money abroad, says a report by market analysis Mintel. It reveals the British take more than 86 million holidays a year an average of more than three per household -- compared with 74 million in 1990. Even excluding fares to foreign destinations, the British spend more than £25 billion a year on holidays. But only about 40 per cent of that money is spent in the UK, with the rest going abroad.

Sculptor's daughter loses

SCULPTOR Henry Moore's daughter, Mary, yesterday lost the latest round in her battle to gain control of millions of pounds worth of his work.

Mary Danowski, aged 49, had appealed against a 1993 High Court ruling relating to the ownership of her father's art work between 1977 and 1988, when he died aged 88. She and her mother helped him set up the charitable Henry

Moore Foundation in 1976 to safeguard and promote his artistic legacy. The Appeal Court upheld the 1993 judgment ruling that the foundation owned the Moore work in dispute.

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Railtrack may face death case

Keith Harper Transport Editor

sation and break up of the rail network had led to a serious AILTRACK may face prosecution over the reduction in standards. death of a train driver after being In its report, highlighting Railtrack's methods of using told yesterday to improve safety by the Health and Safety Executive. outside contractors, the HSE found "muny weaknesses" in the way Railmack maintained

Lawyers are studying a file prepared by the British Transport Police after the driver, Alan Griffiths, was hit by a train at Longsight, Manchester, last year as he spoke on a trackside telephone. The Crown Prosecution Service is considering whether there is sufficient evidence of negli-

gence to support a charge of corporate manslaughter. Railtrack has been reviewing its policy towards track-

deputy chief inspecting offi-cer of railways, said: "There side phones after a driver was seriously injured when he is no room for complacency was struck by a train at He-mel Hempstead in 1990. More Railtrack must take urgent steps to strengthen its sys drivers are getting mobile tems and the way they are phones. Mr Griffiths died in Man-

applied. "We recognise that shortchester Royal infirmary after being hit by an inter city train travelling at 60 mph. Raütrack refused to comment about the incident last night. courings in formal manage-ment systems do not necessarily lead directly to accidents, but they can eat away at safety margins and lead to an increase in risk of Clare Short, shadow transharm.

"It must take swift action to deal with these deficiencies." Junny Knapp, general sec-retury of the Rail, Maritume and Transport Union, said: "In the light of this critical

be writing to the Government about this case, and to raise the issue of poor safety stan-dards in Railtrack overall." Ms Short said that the HSE's recommendations on general safety standards also raised doubts about whether Bailtrack should be general to a store the settion to responsible govern-ment can allow Roiltrack to change and this move must be halted. The HSE has an obli-Railtrack should be respon-sible for the safety regulation (Railtrack."

1 am a teapot . . . A papter mache model is carried to a naive art display at the Towner Art Gallery and Museum, Easthourne, which runs from March 9 to April 21 PHOTOGRAPH POSER BANDED

Venables nets £50,000 from High Court fixture

Owen Bowcott and Martin Thorpe

ERRY Venables, dedicated litigant and temporary England soccer coach, was yesterday claiming victory after his latest High Court fixture against a former business pariner. Mr Venables emerged from the nine day legal match with COSTS.

the nine day legal match with £50.000 dsmages awarded over a failed pubs venture. In a statement last night, he soid: "I am delighted with my victory. After three years of legal battles and being casti-gated by sections of the media the fight to clear my name is bearing fruit. This result is a the day legal match with Mr Kirby, an PA councilior, claimed even though Mr Ven-action, the costs ruling could mean him being out of pocket. In the judgment, Mr Justice Carnwath said that none of the fight to clear my name is bearing fruit. This result is a Mr Kirby, an PA councilior, claimed even though Mr Ven-action, the costs ruling could mean him being out of pocket. In the judgment, Mr Justice for in the collapsed firm of Brown, in Transatlantic, which was compulsorily

but the nearing was not an outright win. His claim for £144,359 was rejected and he received less than his esti-mated £125,000 costs. His for-mer business partier, Paul Kirby, was ordered to pay £36,089 and £12,973 in interest who £100,000 c Mrs Monsheel timistic" view of events. Mr Venables was trying to reclaim the £144,359 he paid to NatWest bank to clear the company's debts. He said that under an indemnity agree-ment he was entitled to be reimbursed by Mr Kirby in full or, alternatively, receive plus £100,000 of Mr Venables's Mr Kirby, an FA councillor,

personal and financial vindi-cation of me." But the hearing was not an outright win. His claim for fid4,359 was rejected and he received less than his esti-traction of me." Any failure on the part of Mr Venables. Mr Kirby was an "unreliable witness", he said, with a "confused and over-op-timistic" view of events. Mr Venables was trying to Nr Venables was trying to Nr Venables was trying to State of the said for the said of the said for the Granby Tavern in Reading, Berkshire; and Macey's in Mayfair, London. Mr Venables, who leaves

his job as England soccer coach in early July after the European Championships to defend his reputation in the courts, is set for a string of witness box appearances.

In June he faces his former solicitor. Bryan Fugler, who is claiming £300,000 in unpaid fees. Mr Venables is countersuing for negligence. The following month he will ap-pear before a civil hearing brought by the Department of Trade and Industry which may ban him from acting as a company director. A libel action over Mr Ven-ables's autobiography brought by the Tottenham chairman, Alan Sugar. and due to be heard in October.

wrongful dismissal from Tot renham in the summer of 1993. It is a daunting fixture list for any player.

about the business relationport secretary, said: "This is an appalling tragedy, mode-worse by the fact that it need ship between the two men. Mr Venables, the former Tottenham chief executive, also has libel actions pending never have happened. I will against the BBC regarding he writing to the Government two Panorama programmes, and the Daily Mirror. No date has been set for the cases. Nor has a date been set to

hear Venables's claim for



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Ceasefire hopes fade

IRA's restated position takes it further away from talks table

David Sharrock eland Corresp

IRA was unlikely to restore its ceasefire by June 10 - the date set for all-party talks in the present conditions. "The feeling is that we've ROSPECTS of the IRA

to impose decommissioning, attempts to impose acceptance of the so-called principle of 'majority consent' or Unionist veto... are a non-sense," said the spokesman. He repeated that there would be no arms decommis-sioning before a final settle-ment The British and Irish

recommendations, attempts



receded further vester when it placed itself at with London, Dublin odds and every political party in Ireland except Sinn Fein by describing a number of steps to all-party talks as unaccept able preconditions.

In a bleak summary of the IRA's position, a spokesman told the republican movement's newspaper, An Phob-lacht, in an interview published in full yesterday, that there was not "the necessary dynamic to move us all away

history." said a figure at the beart of Simn Fein's strategy. The IRA spokesman told An Phoblacht that parties would participate in all-party talks "on the basis of their man-

"on the basis of their man-date, and that alone". He dismissed two princi-ples which the rest of Ire-land's political parties have accepted as prerequisites for a peace settlement: the pro-posals of President Clinton's special Irish envoy, George Mitchell, and the principle of consent, which effectively

governments in their commu liqué last week agreed that the weapons issue would be the first item on the June 10 talks agenda. Reaction north and south of the border was more pessi-mistic than even a few days ago. Michael Ancram, Northern Ireland Minister, said the IRA comments were a slap in

Irish opposition Fianna Fall, warned that time was run-ning out for peace. There

the face for ordinary people. Bertie Ahern, leader of the from conflict". Senior Sinn Fein sources said they too believed that the conditions the Mitchell report who might be preparing to return to conflict.

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Brussels threatens world trade court action to block sanctions on companies trading with Havana | News in brief

US heads for clash on Cuba US soldiers to serve 7 years for raping girl

Martin Walker in Washington and John Palmer in Brussels

HE controversial bill designed to force the rest of the world to join the United States economic blockade of Cuba, which has now been passed by both houses of Congress, is likely to be blocked in a legal confrontation in the new court of the World Trade Organisation. trade analysts said yesterday. The European Union yes-terday strongly condemned the US bill, introduced after

two civilian planes were shot down off the Cuban coast 13 citizens and corporations, the bill gives American courts days ago. A European Com-mission spokesman said the arys ago. A nuropean control truth and corporations, the condensation of the condensat

Mexico, Brazil and the Cari-com group of Caribbean countries claim the bill rides roughshod over bilateral and international treaties which the US has signed. company The bill, which President

"to send a powerful message to Cuba", allows Cuban exiles

Castro's regime. This covers virtually all economic activ-ity on the island.

A breathtakingly high-handed attempt to impose Washington's law on non-US

- but we consider this exten-sion of US jurisdiction has no tives), and bars any US bank or stock exchange from doing business with that British basis in international law, and violates the general prin-The bill has overwhelming ciples of international law political support in the US, and WTO rules."

Clinton has promised to sign to take legal action in US This extension of American jurisdiction

courts against any foreign corporation accused of doing has no basis in international law' business on, with or through property confiscated by Fidel

The EU has warned the having been passed 74-22 in Clinton administration that it the Senate and 336-86 in the House of Representatives, and illustrates the chasm that sepplans to take action under the WTO, in a lawsuit which would then be joined by other arates the US from the rest of the planet on the issue of Cuba. The congressional deinterested parties. Canada has warned that it will take action under the North American free trade treaty and its bilateral trade treaty with the US. "We and the Americans

The EU, Canada, Russia, It lets the US refuse visas to to wait and see how the bill is share the same goal, established is the lexico, Brazil and the Cari-British employees of such a applied — whether President lishing democracy in Cuba. world's final court of arbitra-om group of Caribbean company (and their rela-CLinton grants any waivers) but we differ about the best tion and judgement under the Uruguay Round' of the Gatt Uruguay Round' of the Gatt treaty, has political implica-tions in the US in a presiden-tial election year marked by furious rhetoric against the WTO and the subordination of American coverbignity in it means to achieve that," a commission official in Brussels said. "The Americans believe in imposing greater sanctions; we believe in dia-logue and encouragement of ismocracy and reform." of American sovereignty to it

The sharp diplomatic ex-changes across the Atlantic on Cuban policy is bound to complicate the EU's own Although the anti-WTO campaign has been led by the fading Republican candidate Pat Buchanan, it has had strong assistance from Semarade and co-operation agree-ment with Havana. But altor Robert Dole, who is now almost assured of the Republiamost assidential nomination. Although a free-trader, Mr Dole insisted on a special agreement in the US acces-sion to the Gatt treaty which though the EU rejects the US sanctions out of hand, the commission has warned the Cuban government that it will be "difficult to make pro-gress" on the planned agree-ment in the diplomatic cligives Washington the right to review its membership if three cases in the WTO court go against it. mate created by the shooting down of the aircraft. The prospect of a clash at

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THREE US servicemen began prison sentences of up to seven years yesterday for the rape of a 12-year-old primary school girl on the island of Okinawa last September. Leading Okinawars said they would continue to press for the removal of American bases from the island.

The next flashpoint could come before the end of the month. if landowners demand the return of land occupied by the bases as soon as the leases expire. When President Bill Clinton Visits Japan next month, he will be asked to relieve the burden on Okinawa, which has 0.6 per cent of Japan's land area but 75 per cent of the US bases and 47,000 troops.

The seven years given to two of the accused servicemen. and the six and a half received by the third, were tougher than

normal rape sentences in Japan. But in Okinawa, the popular

feeling was outrage that the sentences were not stiffer. The three men will spend their time in a prison near Tokyo under a regime which Andrew Coyle, the governor of Brixton prison, described in Japan this week as "very disciplicaed, almost in our eyes to the point of being regimented" Japanese

prisoners are not allowed to make eye contact with anybody. including fellow inmates.

The prime minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, said: "I wonder if, with this, the pain of the child and her family will really come to an end." — Kevin Rafferty, Tokyo.

Liberian warlord seizes crew

THREE foreign helicopter crewmen — an American, a German and a Kenyan — were seized in Liberia yesterday by the minitia-men of a warlord under slege by African peacekeepers in Monro-via, the United Nations said.

The UN special representative in Liberia, Anthony Nyaki, stid the men were being held by Ulimo-J militiamen in the town of Kakata, north-east of Monrovia, in retallation for the siege of

General Roosevelt Johnson's house in Monrovia. "Johnson has agreed to send a delegation to Kakata to have them released," Mr Nyaki said, after persuading the warlord to let

ekeepers search his home for arms. - Reuter, Montoria.

Rioters on rampage in prisons

Rebels humiliate Moscow's men Pet Russians, free James Meek in Moscow

USSIA'S security forces and their supreme commander, President Bo-ris Yeltsin. suffered another humiliation yesterday at the hands of Chechen separatist fighters who came close to capturing the capital Grozny. During a second day of heavy fighting, Russian casu-alties rose to 70 dead and 40 missing, and the separatists got within 300 yards of the headquarters of the region's Moscow-backed government. Yet army reinforcements were held back from the city until 3pm, 30 hours after the Chechen attack began.

Earlier, while officials in Grozny reported that every federal checkpoint in the city was surrounded by the attackers, and some were running out of ammunition, an army spokesman at regional headquarters in Rostov-on-Don - 400 miles away - lan-guidly dismissed the idea of a mass rebei attack.

"Fear might make people think there are more of them," said Colonel Yakov Firsov.

Without the army, the defence of Grozny against what most sources now agree are between 600 and 1,000 rebels was left to small groups of in-terior ministry troops and

Chechen police. Abdullah Bugayev, deputy of the loyalist ac



to good homes Andrew Harding

in Komsomolskava on Chechenia's top status symbol

Y CHECHEN standards. BArbi Islamov lives well. He has a new Mercedes, a red-brick home in the countryside with its own sauna and mosque, a couple of Kalashnikovs, two rocket-pro-pelled grenade launchers, and of course, his own Russian

"More wood. More water. "More wood. More water. Quick!" he bellowed through the sauna door to the three youths outside. Konstantin. aged 20, a Russian conscript from Tamen, obligingly began chopping a pile of logs near the cowshed, while his two colleagues marched down

the road towards the well. "I don't see them as prison-ers," he explained as the sweat slid down his lean, bearded face. "They've al-ready written home to their mother. They can can and

mothers. They can come and collect them whenever they want It did not seem appropriate to ask why, if that was the

case, they had been taken cap-tive in the first place. But whether it is for exchange,

his wife and his younger sis-ter, Zeinab, were feeding the steady stream of fighters and businessmen who drop in to pay their respects and discuss tactics with the village's rich-

est family. "It never stops," com-plained Zeinab, pouring more tea. "They come, they go, day and night — it's like running a restaurant."

The next morning Oleg, a stocky member of a rightwing Ukrainian militia group who had been fighting with the Chechens since the war

Chechens since the war began, came down to break-fast in a bright orange camou-flage suit and a foul mood. "All quiet last night," he said, cracking his knuckles and struggling to hide his dis-appointment. "Can't sleep when there's no shooting."

Oleg. Mr Islamov and his boisterous brother Leichi, had been up late the previous night discussing the finer points of artillery and tank fire. For the past four nights Russian forces had abelled

'We're better fighters than them.

And we're better bandits too'

MUTINOUS inmates remained in control of five Greek prisons vesterday, demanding improved conditions. The convicts, who include thousands of foreigners mostly from Albania and other eastern European countries, vowed to continue the revolt until

the government passed legislation to reform the penal system. Justice ministry officials said prisoners had gone on the rampage, destroying everything in sight, at jails in Putras. Larisso and on the islands of Corfu, Chios and Crete. The nine-day insurrec-tion is the second in the past six months. Greek prisons lack basic facilities and there is chronic over-

crowding. But yesterday the justice minister, Evangelos Venize-los, said the prisoners would have to end the mutiny before he passed any legislation. - Helena Smith, Athens.

Decision on Papon delayed

A DECISION on whether the former Vichy civil servant Maurice Papen, aged 85, should be sent for an assize court trial for second world war crimes against humanity will probably be delayed work war crimes against minimity will probably be detay we until June. High court judges at a Bordeaux preliminary wearing said yesterday it would take three months to decide whether Mr Papon, who ran the Vichy government's Jewish affairs office, was personally responsible for the deportation of 1,690 Jews, includ-

Ing 223 children. Lawyers acting for surviving relatives said the state prosecutor hed alleged during an in-camera plea that Mr Papon, a Gaullist cabinet minister until 1981, knew deportees were being sent to die after being rounded up by French police on his signed orders.

Claims that Mr Papon was too old to stand trial were countered by evidence, gathered during a 15 year judicial investigation, that meny of the deportees had been in their eightees, and one was 95. — Paul Webster, Bordeaux.

Pressure renewed on Turkish author



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tration, said bodies of dead soldiers and civilians were lying in the streets.

The rebels are reported to have taken over a hospital, a police station and a factory clinic, taken 84 construction workers hostage, and wrecked power stations, pumps supplying drinking water, and oil installations.

Last night the rebels were said to control one-third of Grozny. A local security offi-clal said the city would be "purged" this morning with the help of the army, including paratroop units.

One report said the separatist operation was being commanded by Aslan Maskhadov, the chief of staff of the Che-chen rebel leader, Dzhokhar Dudayev. Mr Maskhadov had until recently led the rebel delegation in peace talks with federal forces

In Moscow a meeting of Mr Yeltsin's security council ap proved two draft plans for a eaceful settlement" of the Chechen crisis, but prelimi-nary information about the suggests no significant initiatives - rather moves to institutionalise the conflict.

ing, except to claim the city clear that military action bad been cleared of rebels. He said the plans would in-volve selective state financing terrorism" decree giving un-of wednesday the Red Cross of areas of Chechenia accordspecified powers to the ing to how strongly they sup-ported Moscow, together with

Mr Yeltsin made no public talks with local communities. tension continued around the Russians to evacu reference to the Grozny fight. At the same time he made it village of Sernovodsk, be- lans from the town.

ITERARY scholars be-

lieve Marguerite Dur-

sonality was rooted in her

childbood, spent at the

mercy of the Indochinese

monsoon. So it was fitting,

yesterday, that a Parisian hailstorm hammered her

coffin into the ground at Montparnasse cemetery. Earlier, at the Church of

Saint-Germain-des-Près. Father Pierre Guiberteau

evoked how the spirituality

of the elements had influ-eaced the writer of The Lover and Hiroshima, Mon

Duras's readers, 2,000 of whom had crowded into the

church alongside the cream

of Parisian intellect, were

pleased with the compro-

mise between God and the secular. "What a relief that

there was not too much

religion. Marguerite never

had much to do with God.

Amour.

World chess championship Fitting end for tempestuous Duras is switched to Baghdad Alex Duval Smith sees the author laid to rest among the shades of St Germain an effective "ashes to

curity Council in New York reaffirmed economic sanc-

not made sufficient progress

Kirsan Ilumjinov, Fide's

president, said in Parls that

American Gata Ramsky

would be opened on June 1 in Baghdad by President Sad-

dam Hussein, who would pre-side over the event in civilian

clothing. This is supposed to be the

last official world championship before the "reunifica-

tion" tournament including Gary Kasparov's breakaway

organisation later in the year.

Mr Ilumjinov is trying to turn

it into a knock-out competition instead of the present one

in which challengers play each other in long zonal elim-

inators to take on the reign-

Mr Ilumjinov said Karpov

and Kamsky had agreed to give \$500,000 of their joint

winnings to Unicef to benefit

Iraqi children and other hu-

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Leonard Barden and Victor Keegan

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tions against Iraq on the grounds that Baghdad had HE International Chess Federation (Fide) dropped a political timebomb yesterday by switching the next the \$2 million championship world championship from between Anatoly Karpov of Russia and the Russian-born Montreal to Baghdad. This emerged as the UN Se-

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Fog of war . . . Smoke from artillery fire billows around houses as Russian troops and rebels clash in Grozny. The rebels were said to control a third of the city last night

specified powers to the security forces. Elsewhere in Chechenia refused permission by the

Russians to evacuate civil-

tress in her sixties.

Duras, who wrote 73 novels, directed films and

wrote screenplays and

plays, died on Sunday, aged 81. She was remembered humbly with some incense,

the mystery of words."

A friend read from La Pu-dicité (Modesty) — a fable

by Duras about Ernesto, a

wealthy king of Israel who

had a big house, happy ser-

vants and many women. "I did not deprive my heart of

anything. But the sun rises,

and sets. and goes back to

the place where it is to rise

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ransom, or sauna duties, the fact is that hostage-taking is on the rise in Chechenia, with the outskirts of the village, Russian construction workers, engineers and even priests considered fair game. Later, Konstantin whispered nervously that he had written to his mother but did not know if the letter had been posted. "They captured

us two months ago at our checkpoint in the fields near here." So he was not a de-serter? "No! I swear." By and large, Russian sol-diers being held captive in the

hills and mountains of southern Chechenia seem to be well treated by their proud captors, who often regard them as status symbols. Some of them are indeed deserters. Few seem to miss the brutal, sordid, vodka-lined life on the bottom rung of the

Russian army. "Mind you," Mr Islamov said, "we only treat the con-scripts like this." Any Rus-

sian foolish enough to have volunteered to fight against the Chechens is executed on

ashes" was ready for death, rather as had been Presi-dent François Mitterrand, whom Duras admired after

meeting him in the Resis-

Emmanuel Zappimbulso,

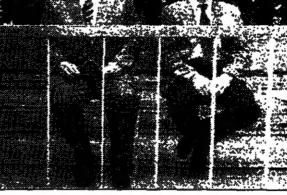
tance in 1943.

situated on the northern slopes of the Caucasus mountains about 20 miles from the Chechen capital Grozny, and Oleg seemed to take particu-lar delight in analysing the ef-fects which a direct hit would have on Mr Islamov's stadium-sized living room. Leichi went to fetch his latest toy - a snub-nosed auto-matic rifle with night-sights. swathed in white camouflage.

The Chechens buy most of their weapons from the Russian army, travelling through their checkpoints with appar ent impunity to strike a deal. "Crazy war", Leichi said. "They sell us the guns, then we shoot them." He admitted spending sev-

eral years in Soviet and Russian jalls for pursuing his business activities. "Here's your Chechen bandit," he grinned. The image of the Chechens as a uniquely crim-inal people is one the Russian government has promoted hard in recent years.

capture. "We slit their fhroats," Mr Islamov said, making the relevant gesture. Sauna over, he wandered into his lavish kitchen, where



TURKEY'S best-known author, Yasar Kemal, left, was given a 20-month suspended jail sentence by an Istanbul court yesterday for "spreading separatist propaganda". His publisher, Erdal Oz, right, got a suspended fine. The 72year-old writer, whose most famous novel, Mehmet My Hawk, has been translated into more than 10 languages was charged for an article he wrote about the Kurdish problem.

His lawyer, Enver Nalbant, said: "I can't believe it and we are going to appeal. They are tightening up again now, because we have a rightist government." A conservative coalition government of the Motherland

and True Path parties was approved by President Soleyman Demirel this week, and yesterday the prime minister, Tansu Ciller, handed over power. The outgoing human rights minister. Adnan Ekmen, criticised True Path leaders for ignoring his reports on human rights violations.

The cases of four former Kurdish MPs facing separatism charges were adjourned. — Chris Nuttall. Ankara.

OJ attorney jailed for contempt

F. LEE BAILEY, the gravel-voiced eminence of the O.J. Simpson legal team, made his name keeping a string of famous clients out of jail. But he couldn't do the same for himself.

To the amazement of every lawyer in America, the 62-year-old courtroom legend was yesterday serving the first day of a six-month prison term for failing to hand over shares worth \$25 million to a federal court.

Mr Bailey, whose clients included the Boston Strangier. newspaper heiress turned urban guerilla Patty Hearst, and punk rocker Sid Victous, maintains the stocks were given to him in lieu of payment by Claude Duboc, a drug dealer he once defended

"This church was here 1,000 years ago and in 1,000 years' time, people will Prosecutors say the portfolio belongs to the government because Duboc forfeited his assets as part of a plea bargain. A federal judge ordered the attorney to surrender the shares to a

when the attorney failed to come up with enough cash to release the shares by the deadline of 5pm on Wednesday, a federal judge in Florida ordered him to be jailed for contempt of court. — Ian Katz, New York.



Any serious debate today concerning politics, philosophy, aesthetics, and history must eventually come to rest on the split-up between Charles and Di. Bel Littlejohn

Then the crowd dispersed to nearby cafés, bearing names like Brasserie Lipp, Aux Deux-Magots and Le Flore. There the mourners could sit in seats which overse

As Duras's pale wood cof-fin, with its brass plaque but no cross, was laid in a hearse for a final journey

to the cemetery, Sophie Bordy, a 21-year-old stu-dent in the crowd, said:

their thumb and index finger, and discussed Marguerite's gift to the 20th Page 9

mark the antiversary of Duras's death. It is just an honour to have lived in the same century as Margue-Bach and the Lord's a 50-year-old theatre Prayer. But as Fr Pierre scholar, said afterwards: said: "This is the time of "Mitterrand's death and It is just an honour to have lived in the same century as Marguerite Duras the economy of words, of | hers mark the end of an era; the end of the 20th

century." But Zappimbulso, like most of those gathered at Saint-Germain-des-Prés,

found it impossible to put their tribute into words. Duras was always an advocate of "the impossible". She often alienated her readers because she was Re is too discreet for her." again. I have understood apt to force them to be re-rite's gain Lilo Bernard, an ac- that all is vanity and vanity readers of such statements century. apt to force them to be re-

rite Duras."

Yesterday afternoon,

Saint-Germain bore echoes of Sartre, Beauvoir and Duras, as chic bohemians rested their chins between

once more, the cafés of

these days, are mostly filled by big tippers from



WORLD NEWS 7

The Guardian Friday March 8 1996

The US and its European allies remain at odds on how to react to alleged Iranian support for terrorism after the recent bombings in Israel. As Arafat cracks down on Hamas, the foreign ministry in Tehran is desperately attempting to distance itself from the blasts



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Hair-raising problems ... President Yasser Arafat adjusts his keffiyeh head-dress before the inaugural session of the first Palestinian legislative council in Gaza City yesterday

Britain protests to Iran

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after the assassination of Prime Minister [Yitzhak]

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are a cause for grave con-cern," an official said. Whitehall has made it plain, however, that Britain

and its EU partners are not prepared to bow to US pres-sure to abandon their policy

Richard Norton-Taylor, and Kathy Evans in Tebran

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RITAIN formally pro-tested to Iran last night about its sup-port for Hamas

move apparently prompted by United States pressure on its European allies to take tougher action against Tehran. But it is clear that the US and the European Union remain divided on how to respond to Iran's latest outbursts

against Israel, and EU mem-bers differ on how to pursue contacts with Tehran. Cholamzera Ansarl, the Iranian chargé d'affaires, was summoned last night to the Foreign Office where the Middle East director, John Shepherd, was said to have made the Government's con-"Iranian actions, particu-larly opposition to the Middle East peace process, their sup-

Iranian involvement in the Hamas bombing campeign in The EU has no intention of following the US policy of completely isolating Iran by a trade and investment em-

bargo, but is far from united on what stance to adopt. The issue will be a test of its ability to speak with a single voice when foreign ministers meet in Palermo, Sicily, this weekend.

Though the ministers are likely to agree to some kind of joint EU approach to Tehran, arm or fund them. likely to agree to some kind of joint EU approach to Tehran, this will not disguise differ-ences between them. Ger-many. Italy and Greece favour closer ties with Iran than Britain and France. The latter place more emphasis on the "critical", the former on "dialogue". British sources said yesterday. In Tehran, Iranian foreign ministry officials summoned

of "criticial dialogue" with Iran, though this position could change if there is hard ministry officials summoned Western ambassadors yesterday to distance the govern-ment from statements carried evidence - which the US claims to have - of direct on its official news agency, Irna, supporting the bomb attacks in Israel.

Three days ago an agency commentary referred to the suicide bomb attacks as "divine retribution". Iran's deputy foreign minis

ter, Mohammed Javed Zafeer told the Western envoys yesdog not reflect the views of the iranian government." He said Iran had only political

"Iran condemns any violent action against innocent people wherever it occurs, regardless of the identity of the victims or the culprits. It denies any link whatsoever with recent events in Pales tine." Mr Zafeer said.

The incident has again demonstrated the struggle be-tween moderate and radical factions in the government.

The commentary has dam-aged Iran's efforts to separate European opinion from the US. Tehran has now postponed a visit to Europe later this month by its deputy for-eign minister for European affairs, Mahmoud Vaezi. Iran's relations with Euro-

pean countries are becoming more important to Tehran as boycott, which threatens not only, US oil investment in Iran but participation by European companies as well.

Derek Brown in Gaza City HE Palestinian presi

dent, Yasser Arafat, yesterday called for an international summit to tackle Middle Rest political violence. He told the inaugural ses-

sion of the Palestinian leg-islative council, the world's newest parliament: "We will not let violence and terrorism stop the peace

Drocess." He urged "all parties in the world" to discuss, at the highest level, "methods of confronting terrorism as a regional and international phenomenon".

President Arafat, in sombre mood, did not please all the 88 newly elected council members with his stri-dent denunciation of militant factions. Although he did not name the main Islamist group, Hamas, he made it clear that the hunt

for its leaders and activists would be carried on by Pal-estinian as well as Israeli forces. The statical life in the ter. Shimon Peres, fighting for his political life in the the bulk of the bulk

Arafat seeks terror summit

Hamas has claimed responsibility for four suicide bombings which killed more than, 60 people in eight days. Since the out-rages, Israel has closed its the Hamas threat. He said of President Araborders to Palestinians and imposed curfews in much fat: "He's doing more than before. But until he brings in the commanders of Ha-

of the West Bank. At least 500 Hamas and other Islamist suspects are mas's military wing I will not be satisfied." now in Palestinian prisons, and bundreds more have

been picked up by Israeli dent Clinton said he be-lieved the Palestinian forces The searches bave deeply

angered many Palestinian leaders, who accuse Israel leader had made some real efforts. "But I think all of of stoking up more trouble by inflicting severe hard-ship on two million people, all but a fraction of whom are bitterly opposed to the releasing trickers. us will have to do more." With tens of thousands out of work and supplies of food and other essentials running dangerously low, many Palestinians dread the idea of more restrictions. Islamist violence. President Arafat is under

unrelenting Israeli pressure to crack down even

for his political life in the run-up to the May 29 gen-eral election, signalled yes-terday that the Palestin-ians should do more to end Many guests, including church leaders, were de-nied permission to attend. From the outset it was

clear that President Ara-fat's Fatah faction, with a handsome majority, is in no mood to share parliamentary power, electing in quick succession Fatah loy-alists as Speaker, deputy The United States has also urged the Palestinians to hit Hamas hard. Presi-Speaker, second deputy Speaker, and general ecretary.

The key Speaker's job went to Ahmed Qurei, bet ter known as Abu Ala, the Palestinian's main negotiator with Israel, a former Arafat finance minister.

• The rightwing Israeli op position leader Benjamin Netanyahu has taken a lead over Mr Peres for the first time in a poll released yes-Many West Bank mem-bers of the new council cent to Mr Peres's 46.

Old hand tightens Taiwan derides China's 'dumb' missile-rattling

its grip on power

health.

Other worlds

David Beresford

LTHOUGH there is no indication that he in-Atends staying in office beyond his scheduled retire-

ent date in 1999, Nelson Mandela does seem to be de-veloping in his advancing years a taste for power which could prove a disservice to the society he has helped to

At the end of last year, the received wisdom in political circles here was that Presi-dent Mandela would begin to take things easier in 1996, not only for his health's sake but also to smooth the way for the succession of his political heir, Thabo Mbeki.

This week, while his visit to a Johannesburg health clinic received saturation coverage designed to show the finan-cial markets that Mandela Inc was still a worthwhile investment, the president's office issued an indignant denial of a local television report that he was handing over some of his duties to Mr Mbekt in preparation for retirement. The handover was only for

the three days Mr Mandela would be in bed, explained a presidential spokesman, who was concerned about the "misinterpretation". "It has the potential to send the wrong signals," he said.

One "wrong" signal was presumably the suggestion that the succession had already been decided. But it was also wrong to imagine that the president saw 1996 as the beginning of his political swansong. Just the opposite. Although there is much to be admired about Mr Mande-

la's active life - he is in his 78th year - there are signs that his dominance of public life could stunt the develop-ment of the embryonic politi-

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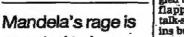
Andrew Higgins in Talpei

N THE eve of Chinese missile tests within A recent example was what appears to have been an at-tempt to block a parliamen-tary inquiry. Its subject was a bizarre excursion into showsight of its coast, the nearest the People's Liberation Army has come since 1949, Taiwan taunted Beijing yesterday with firing "empty and hollow" rockets as Washbusiness by the ministry of Throwing itself enthusiastiington warned of "grave con-

sequences" if any missiles go cally into the field of Aids education, the ministry hired astray. the producer of the Soweto hit musical Sarafina to use his talents to promote safe sex. "There is no way to frighten the people of Tai-wan," said President Lee Mbongeni Ngema de-manded, and got, 14.7 million rand (more than £2.5 million). The lack of creative impulse Teng-hui in Keelung, one of the two ports that will be effectively blockaded by the Chinese show of force. "The missiles will not have

behind the public works pro-duction was reflected in its title, Sarafina 2, and conwarheads. They are hollow. They are dumb missiles," he firmed in the reviews. "A dis-mal, masturbatory attempt at health and social conscientisaid as he campaigned in the island's March 23 presidential election. 'The missiles are insation." wrote one critic. tended to see if we have cour

When questions began to be raised about the waste of taxage or not But as the authorities struggled to project an image of un-



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payers' money, the ministry claimed that the funding had come from the European Union. The EU flatty denied any responsibility. The parliamentary health

committee then decided to call the African National Congress health minister, Nkosa zana Zuma, to account. There is some dispute about precisely what happened, but the scheduled hearing failed to materialise, apparently after Mr Mandela had lectured ANC members of the committee on their responsibilities to

the party. The hearing was finally held last week, but was incon-clusive, the ANC majority ex-clusive, the ANC majority ex-traction the ANC majority ex-clusive, the ANC majority exhibiting a defensiveness

which smacked of schoolchildren fearful of being overheard by an invisible but allseeing master. Last month Mr Mandela shocked the ANC caucus by

giving the chairman of the parliamentary defence com-mittee a humiliating lecture his back. for recommending that

the South African military. His rage is reported to have reduced one MP to tears. events of November 3.

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Show of force ... Taiwanese soldiers on exercises this week on the fortress island of safeguard China's sovernoy near the Chinese mainland. It was a flashpoint in 1958

vision showed helicopters | craft to avoid, Commercial | probably M-9 rockets, a Chi aircraft from Hong Hong and Japan will loop around the two danger sones in which evacuating 86 oil workers from an off-shore rig near one of two test "boxes" which flappable calm, television talk-shows and radio phoneins buzzed with anxlety. Tele-Beijing has told ships and air- | China will fire the missiles, | during the Gulf war.

nese version of the Soviet-de-signed and notoriously inaccurate Scuds used by

Paramilitary 'cleaners' call the shots

War is being fought between guerrillas and self-defence groups for control

of the 'banana beit' of northern Colombia.

Phil Gunson reports from Acandi

Ramon CORREA was walking to the neigh-bouring hamlet of Capi-tan to buy cheese when the bourd the Gulf of Uraba. Proviously the area west of the full had here bound in paramilitaries stopped him. There were about 70 of them, witnesses said later, in army uniforms and accompanied

The group had already killed one alleged guerrilla collaborator. Ramón's name was on their list. His partially

a week later, stabbed to death. His hands were tied behind

jungles of Panama meet those of Colombia. By Colombian English be made the exclustandards it scarcely ranked as a massacre. The Colom-bian press paid little atten-tion and, four monits later, has almost forgotten the events of November 3.

But what happened here ready "cleansed" an area east marked a new phase in a war of the Gulf and are fighting for control of one of the coun- | the guerrillas for the "banana

"My information is it was sign outside Apartado's hos-pital: "Please give blood - if says Local people know differ-ently. Guerra's head was cut not, don't help to spill it." The annual murder rate in the banana belt is more than eight times that of Bogotá. In Turbo alone there were 403

homicides last year. Around 20,000 people have fled, some leaving the region altogether. This does not worry the police chief, Captain Livando Fonseca, even though around 600 desplazaarea dos, including more than 200 children under 12, are suffer-

ing hardship and hunger here in Acandi. "If they're here it's because they want to be," he says. "There are a lot of opportun ists among them." On November 3, residents

Say, Capt Fonseca ordered them indoors for fear of a "guerrilla attack". The police then escorted the paramilitaries to their barracks. They were soon back, and

are frequently to be seen on the town's streets, often heavily armed and accompanied by regular troops.

Just a few weeks ago the parracos attacked the hamlet of Penalosa. Most of the men managed to escape, but they

belt" centred on Apariado. The battleground is the ci-vilian population, a fact reflected in the words of a

the guerrillas," Capt Fonseca

off with a knife, they say. The Farc always shoots its vic-tims. Besides, Guerra had guerrilla connections

On November 3 the para-militaries boasted: "This is just the beginning." Hours strife. - Reuter. later the army was bombing and machine-gunning the

Now land is cheap and Scorsese and the leading Italian fashion designer Giorgio Armani announced a new "everyone wants to sell up and leave". Before long this film yesterday to document the history of Italian cinarea will be "cleansed" like the land, east of the Gulf. Those willing to stay on as ema. - Reuter.

cheap labour for the ranchers **Bombay collapse** will, of course, be welcome. Some believe a conspiracy At least 30 people were feared killed when a five-storey building collapsed in north-east Bombay yesterday, police is at work. They point to evidence of mineral wealth, even large oil deposits, and to halfand fire brigade sources formed plans for a canal to said - Reuter.

rival the Panama. "The CLA is behind all **Rescue mission** this," they claim: an assertion South African newspaper edias confidently held as it is imtors are mounting a mission possible to verify.

What is beyond doubt, however, is the Colombian government's inability, or unwillingness, to end the

Taiwan's United Daily | camouflaged campaign for News quoted Chinese sources | independence. as saying Beijing would con-sider any attempt to intercept

"Everything is going ac-cording to plan. Nothing has happened yet to let this run It is the most volatile crisis away from them," said Robert Broadfoot, bead of the Politibetween the two civil-war enemies since Mao Zedong shelled outlying Taiwanese islands in 1958. He backed down after US warships went cal and Economic Risk Consultancy in Hong Kong.

They can still pull back." The stance of the United States, which moved its em-But it is feared that China's bassy from Taipei to Beijing in 1979 but still helps arm Taileaders, gripped by increas-ingly bellicose nationalism as wan, is again central, as during the 1956 confrontation. they await the death of Deng Xiaoping, may not be able this time to halt the logic of President Clinton's national security adviser Anthony China yesterday made its clearest admission of the po-

Lake described China's latest missile-rattling as a "poten-tially reckless act" and called on it to desist.

But China has shown itself unperturbed by foreign cen-sure. "China will never accept the representations and protests from the US side on elenty and territorial integ-this issue," said Mr Shen. The United States is con

efforts to create two Chinas or sidering sanctions against one China, one Taiwan." The aim is to weaken sup-China for the transfer of a new cruise missile to Iran, a

port for President Lee and senior US official said what Beljing reviles as his yesterday.

of Zambia to ask for the release of Fred M'membe, edi-

News in brief *************************** Two killed in requesting a meeting with President Frederick Chiluba

Algeria blast

them as an act of war.

steady escalation.

litical motives for the "ordi-nary exercises". Shen Guo-

fang, the foreign ministry spokesman, said: "The exer-

es will be useful not only to

tor-in-chief of The Post and its managing editor, Bright A bomb ripped through Berrouaghia. a bastion of Alge-rian Muslim rebels, yester-Mwape. day, killing two people and Deaths in custody

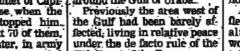
wounding 10. The blast appeared to be a Sixteen people have died while in police custody in the Malawi capital, Lilongwe, rapid response by Muslim guerrillas to a statement by President Lamine Zeroual apparently because of oversaying that this year would be crowding. - Reuter. a year of political efforts with the opposition to end civil

Cemetery vandals Vandals broke into a Jewish cemetery in Lübeck, Ger-many, knocking over grave-**New Scorsese film**

The US film director Martin stones and painting swastikas on a wall. - Reuter. Jet spares seized

Jordan said yesterday that it had seized fighter jet spare parts bound for Iraq from Poland in violation of UN sanctions. - Reuter.





57th Front of the Farc.

"There was a tolerable nor-mality here," said one inhab-itant. "The guerrillas sorted everything out, right down to marital problems. If they

found you guilty you had two choices: change your ways or get out. If not, they shot you buried body was found nearly in the head." This modus vivendi was not

In all five people died that day near Acandi, where the

sive language of command in

• Mr Mandela was discharged from the clinic a day early yesterday, after tests showed that he was in good

tolerable, however, to the army, cattle ranchers, drug traffickers and the so-called "self-defence groups" led by the brothers Fidel and Carlos Castano. Armed, trained, financed

and protected by the military. the defence groups — known to their opponents as parrocas [paramilitaries] — have al-

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Workers have rights too

One company's red tape is another person's job

beware: some regulations are much more than red tape. Some have been put in place to safeguard fundamental rights, like the right to be treated fairly by employers. Not content with the drastic reduction that ministers have already made to workers' rights over the last 17 years — a reduction which has left British workers among the least protected within the European Union --protected within the European Union — Michael Heseltine clearly wanted to go further. The letter leaked yesterday suggests the Deputy Prime Minister was intent on removing from millions of workers the right to seek damages for unfair dismissal. The leaked letter — from Trade Secretary Ian Lang — clearly warns Mr Heseltine of the con-troversy he is courting: "Any suggestroversy he is courting: "Any suggestion that employees in small firms were to be denied employment rights would, of course, be immensely controversial and it might be imprudent to attract such criticism only to have to retract the proposals at a later date." True on both counts: controversy and on the dubious legality of the proposals. The Prime Minister appeared to

The Prime Minister appeared to squash the proposals at question time. If words me anything, the Heseltine plan looked "gone, dead, buried". Chal-lenged by the Labour leader, Mr Major said the Government's proposals for small businesses due on Monday would not include the reported proposals. But even to propose them was politically clumsy — and underlines Heseltine's loss of ministerial touch. No one has spoken more forcefully about the need spoken more forcefully about the need for trade unions to be made subject to the law; but this same principle should apply with equal force to employers. It will do ministers no good -- as some later briefings yesterday suggested - to resurrect it. The public repudiation of Ralph's Bill. Both major parties need to the Heseltine plan was a well-deserved | commit heresy: Labour on the notion of humiliation. What was just as bad was an obligation to work; Conservatives on the gles with which the federation of the principle of a right to work.

WHO doesn't want to cut red tape? But | small businesses greeted the Heseltine proposals. As they were reminded by the Liberal Democrat leader, a secure small business sector is not achieved by encouraging employers to adopt a crude fire-and-hire mentality.

More constructive proposals emerged yesterday from the all party Commons select committee on employment. The MPs called for more experimental programmes for the long-term unemployed: ranging from an urgent expan-sion of the existing small-scale 'workstart" schemes under which employers receive subsidies for taking on long-term unemployed (which has succeeded in finding them work but been less successful in generating new jobs) to new pilot "workfare" programmes set out in Sir Ralph Howell's Right to Work Bill, under which, instead of receiving benefits, the unemployed would be paid for taking part in socially useful community projects useful community projects. The one million long-term unem-

ployed remain the biggest social chal-lenge facing the country. Once out of work for more than a year, individuals are four times less likely to find a job. Worse still is the psychological and physical deterioration that sets in. As medical journals have documented. long-term unemployment causes anxiety, depression, neurotic disorders and premature death. There is no single solution. We need a bundle of programmes: wider training opportunities, better benefit-to-work schemes, more in-work income support schemes and well-structured socially rewarding community schemes. A promising political consensus is emerging. There were echoes in yesterday's report of Gordon Brown's plan for the under 25s. Frank Field, the Labour MP, is supporting Sir



US hysteria shouldn't interfere with international trade

THE US CUBAN embargo has now been US did not permit Mr Robaina to say ratcheted up to a new punitive level that this was a bad mistake. spector of all creeds and be-liefs including antiperceptive article on January 25 on the Millennium and the desirability of a return to our to an even more divided their black comrades-in-arms. 83 Tile Kiln Lane, which, whether or not it shakes Con- Yet Havana's over-reaction one afteress's foe in Havana, is certainly noon three weeks ago has to be set monarchists alarming Washington's European spiritual heritage? His Royal against the persistent over-reaction of Joe Phelan Highness has extraordinary spiritual insight and high friends. Bill Clinton's decision to drop the US for decades to the very existence Ballynahinch Co Down, Northern Ireland, his previous resistance to parts of the of Castro's Cuba. Years ago Britain deals, from which we can all braved Washington's wrath by allowing Helms-Burton Bill was precipitated by VOUR poll asks who wa earn. the Cuban airforce's shooting down last Leyland buses to be exported to Cuba: responsible for Prince Dorothy Kemp. month of two civilian planes flown by members of Congress regarded the Robin's Oak, 17 Pound Close, Headley, Charles's broken marriage. hostile exile pilots. But the speech yessight of double-deckers in the streets of How should I know? I would Hampshire GU35 8LU. terday in Miami by Republican candi-Havana as outright betrayal of the free not presume to apportion blame between two of my most intimate friends, so how world. US anti-Castro hysteria has date Bob Dole, at a Cuban-American remained at a consistently high level: rally, reminds us of a weighty political much less between two people factor too. Mr Dole did his best to outbid Mr Clinton by calling for the only Vietnam has (until recently) been whose lives I only know from whose irres I only know from the pages of newspapers and their own prejudiced utter-ances. My grandmother once told me never to interfere bemore persistently victimised. indictment and conviction on murder The new bill would legalise various forms of action against foreign compapure theatre since the federal writ nies or individuals with interests in tween husband and wife be-cause "nobody knows what hardly runs in Havana. But there are Cuba who are deemed to have "trafvotes to be won - or lost - among the ficked" in property nationalised by the appens when the bedroom exiles, and the President knows it too. Castro government at any time since the 1959 revolution. The US government The Cuban action was certainly a Andrea Marks. 146 Edgwarebury Lane, Edgware, Middx HA8 8NE. could impose trade restrictions and ban harsh and foolish act at a time when the administration had begun a mild relaxvisas: US citizens and Cuban-Americans could sue the "traffickers" in US ation of restrictions. Wednesday's speech by the Cuban Foreign Minister courts. There is a strong case, to be Pan people Roberto Robaina in the Security Coun-cil implied that the decision to fire on considered today by the EU, for regarding this aspect of the legislation as a HEN Morris Mitchener the planes was taken by the airforce violation of world trade rules under the was apparently trauma-tised and exhibited signs of World Trade Organisation. In addition. command without direct authorisation the bill seeks to dissuade the World fised and exhibited signs of fear at the West Yorkshire Playhouse (Peter Pan pro-ducers sued over the boy who wouldn't look up, March 4) wouldn't look up, March 4) wouldn't it have been a good idea to take the child out of the production? from his government. That makes the action easier to understand and the Bank or other institutions from providing loans or finance to Cuba "until a dossier of provocative flights undertaken previously by the "Brothers to the Rescue" is also part of the context. tion in America and Britain laboured mightily in the 1960s democratically elected government is in power". This is a remarkable deand 1970s to prove, over and over again, that little Johnny But Cuba was still wrong to be goaded | mand indeed from a country which has by these gadfly assaults. It is a pity that handed out billions of dollars of aid to Maybe his parents could in the council house with no the embattled state of relations with the an array of undemocratic regimes. have attempted to return after a break, but if as they books does not do as well at school as little Johnny whose say, the theatre was negli-gent and hadn't warned father and mother have sev eral degrees between them, a house full of books, and the them that small children may find the production salaries to pay for nursery school, musical tuition, for-



Letters to the Editor **Purpose of the prince**

OUR article and edito-rial on the future of the monarchy (March 5) is long overdue and most wel-come. We, on this side of the water, have had many debates on the subject, as it is consid-ered by many people here to be one of the pillars of the sectarian scourge that divides us. Why must Britain be the only country in Europe that decrees its head of state be-longs to a particular religion (ie C of E Protestant)? This concept alone is the reason d'erre of such arcaic organisa-tions as the Orange Order and all the mayhem that divides us. It gives resonance to the view that to be a real British citizen, one must be a Protestant We, the Queen's Catholic citizens in Ulster, may also wonder at the absence of word, deed or personage of the monarch at the funerals of the hundreds of innocent Catholics murdered by loyalist

organisations who swear alle-giance to her — in contrast to the high-profile condemna-tions of Warrington and Canary Wharf. Is it not time we had a head of state who was perceived by all the nation as less political and sectarian and was a re-

THE noteworthy finding of your ICM poll is that a substantial minority does not blame Prince Charles for the break-up of his marriage. This, in the face of the propa-ganda of broadsheets, Pringanda of of obtainsheets, Fint-cess Diana's appearances and interviews to the media, the statements of one of two bish-ops and the occasional filtring of a leader-writer of the Guardian with the Murdoch's An individual like myself, who values Prince Charles for

his intellectual and caring qualities, would not comment on the break-up of his mar-riage. So, in the tabloid war for circulation he is bound to suffer. The ICM poll. in spite

of its deficiencies, shows that many people are capable of seeing beyond the smoke screen A Vetta. 220 The Broadway Didcot, OX11 8RS.

SURELY there has been senough denigration and sour upon the character of His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales. Instead of defamatory accusations, what about some positive action? For instance, is anything being done to follow-up his

S0, we are led to believe that backbenchers in the House of Commons would like a debate on the monarchy. Fine, let's open the debate with those MPs who privately advocate a republic coming out of the closet and publicly declaring their views. Should they decline to do so it would confirm my view ried to black women.

that, despite the marital prob-lems of certain members of the royal family. MPs recog-nise that the vast majority of the British public support the institution of monarchy and would not support any party whose MPs openly called for its abolition.

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T IS alarming to note the media attention being

As a pensioner, and with a general election approach-ing, I do not want to see polit-ical leaders let off the book of defining the many instances, they demonstrated the racism that was, and no doubt still is, rooted in the minds of some, if not many, soldiers, I do not want to see polit-ical leaders let off the book of the bo addressing the urgent ques-tions of the economy, unemployment, the disappearing health and social services, ever-diminishing retirement pensions in relation to aver-age earnings, education et al. This irrelevant diversion.

members of one society is the

crying need. Beryl Urguhart. 28 Estuary Park,

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Combwich.

Bridgwater

Old soldiers, black and white and red with indignation

AM sure that the report by | T isn't necessary to have the Commission for Racial Equality on racial abuse and that there are no bad troops only bad officers. Where were the officers in the cases which discrimination in the British Army (G2, March 5) has not come too soon for black sol-diers and white soldiers maryou have rightly described as the "Army roll-call of shame." Either they knew what was going on, and did nothing, or they didn't know. What level When I enlisted as an army

when i chilster as an army apprentice in 1955 there were Burmese and West African young soldiers at the Army Apprentice School. Chepstow, who for three years put up with daily racial abuse. In spite of the racist ethos that of professionalism was that? Nor does one have to be an imperial historian to appreciate the frequently decisive contribution of troops from ethnic minorities to the many prevailed there were, how-ever, a few white soldiers who past successes of British arms on the battlefield.

would give support to their black conrades. In 1962 I married a Jamai-can and served in the Royal Engineers until 1967. Quite frequently I experienced rac-iet commante about my mar-The situation you have de-scribed is a national outrage - all the more so now that the technical professionalism of the British Army is widely appreciated in Europe. Bill Clarance.

ist comments about my mar-riage. Albeit that these Route d'Avouzon, remarks were made light heartedly in many instances, they demonstrated the racism 01170 Crozet, France.

As a white British soldier I served as a non-commis-sioned officer with the West not many, soldiers. If the Ministry of Defence is to make any impact upon rac-African Forces in the Far East during the second world war. It was a punishable offence ism in the Army, apart from such measures as changes to then to use any form of deroga-tory name for the soldiers who such measures as changes to the disciplinary code, it will were always referred to its need to undertake a massive West African troops. What has re-education programme to abandon the perception that Army of today? A F Moore.

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Counting sheep the hard way

Genetic engineering is a potential threat to human diversity

of us can't tell apart anyway — may seem an inauspicious place for a great breakthrough in genetic engineering but the implications are awesome. It is now theoretically possible to clone a human being: all the reservations expressed by eminent scientists yesterday won't prevent someone doing it somewhere, sometime. Even if done honourably it is not of obvious advantage to humanity. What's the point of a football team consting of 11 George Best clones playing another team of clones. It would, arguably, be the Best team in the world but also the most boring because there wouldn't be bad players against whom to measure the good surance against vanishing fertility or ones. (Drinking in the bar afterwards wouldn't be much fun either).

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Futurists talk of producing a generation of Einsteins, but who can recognise genius in embryonic cells? Einstein ing spreads destiny's risks. Thank didn't come from particularly clever goodness for sex.

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frightening, they could have demanded their money back. Susan Paylor. 14 Ambleside Road. Lancaster LA1 3HY.

WE have read in the Guardian about Peter Pan and the people who want to sue the West Yorkshire Playhouse and we think it is ridiculous. We thought it was excellent. We think it was not very scary but it had good effects. Peter Sims, 9. Ruth Sims. 3. Naples Street,

West Yorkshire BD8 9DX. N Gerald, page 100, Daphne Du Maurier writes of her father's performance: "When Hook first paced the quarter deck in the year of 1904, children were carried screaming from the stalls." Some things never change. Peter Roberts. Rosemary Norton. Norton & Roberts

PROFESSOR Bob Moon (Education, March 5) is right about New Labour and needs excuses and need scapegoats. That's all there is to it. You can hear it from David Blun-kett and Stephen Pollard, education, but it's worse much worse, than that. The sociologists of educaresearch director of the Fa-bian Society, and from Geoff Mulgan of Demos. It's pa-

Robin Ramsay. Hull HU5 3JB.

planations of male working class failure in school he can look in an A-level sociology textbook where studies on the eign holidays etc, etc. Yes, the Headstart teams subject are standard fare. along with the story of how and Midwinter and Bernstein all ensuing initiatives disapet al did what sociologists are peared soon after 1979. supposed to do: they proved the obvious. The chief deter-minant of educational perfor-His claims that single moth-ers and bad attitudes are causes of failure are unmance is parental back-ground and income - class, proven; theories of cultural and material deprivation, lan-

guage systems, the culture of poverty and fatalism have more empirical weight. in the more robust discourse of a bygone era. But there is the problem: the C word. New Labour doesn't like the C word; ab-hors it. The C word reeks of the poor, the losers, with whom New Labour does not If he manages to surpass 100 years of scientific study

data, would he please take social science off the curricu-lum to discourage myself and others from wasting our time. Jon Meldrum. 15 Woodforde Close, Ashwell SG7 5OE. Letters to the Editor may be faxed on 0171 837 4530 or sent by post to 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER, and by email to letters/a guardian.co.uk Please include a full address and daytime telephone number

even in e-mailed letters. We

trendy teaching methods, or may edit them: shorter ones are comprehensives. New Labour more likely to appear.

issued for overseas employees has risen over the last decade thetic and it's shameful. 214 Westbourne Avenue, F Chris Woodhead needs ex-A Country Diary

and comes up with a working solution based on non-factual

the existing population (The greying of Europe, Leader, March 6). Recognition of this possibility is by no means un-familiar elsewhere in Europe.

There are, in fact, some good reasons why we should not rely on immigration to redress the age imbalance in the population, not least that immigrants also get older and need pensions and health care. However, there are other, strong arguments for reconsidering our hostility to overseas labour: their entrepreneurial skills flargely denied to the UK by immigra-tion rules which exclude all but the most wealthy) and continuing skill shortages in the public and private sector, which have ensured that the number of work permits

nation, when working David F Sparks. together as one people and as London E6 3EZ. Bexley, Kent DA5 2BD.

The future is not all grey

CONGRATULATIONS on ment. Yet almost 20 per cent of applications from employ-suggest the unthinkable — ers are turned down, denving that the UK may actually them access to the overseas workers they want. need immigrants in future decades because of the ageing of

In the course of our research, employers' representatives told us that "Restrictions via the work permit scheme on recruitment and training strategies may result in multi-nationals moving their HQ operations to countries where work nermit restrictions are considered less onerous. The lesson of history is that

immigrants and refugees can bring significant benefits. economic and cultural. While public debate on this issue is yet again dominated by proposed legislation to impose ever tighter restrictions. it is a lesson that appears to have been lost. Sarah Spencer.

Director, Human Rights Programme, Institute for Public Policy Research. 30-32 Southampton Street. despite the level of unemploy- London WC2E 7RA.

***************************** NORTHUMBERLAND: When | Hall show the seven-foot high the local pack of foxhounds hunt around Harnham, the drystone wall which stands on the north boundary of the farmer stands on the medi-eval tower of his farmstead to old park has stood for over 300 years. A drystone wall is built without cement but there is now a tendency to wall with cement bands like the Romans did. The coping stone is the top stone which protects the wall. Coping stones are laid on a layer of turf which takes root and grows and makes the top of

watched hunting from their residences and needed a high building. The idea was copied over here." Certainly the region of Gascony. in which Englishmen spent much time in the 14th Century, abounds with similar thick-walled tower houses with identical bartizans to ours. The historian showed me how she dates the peles; transoms are horizontal crossbars on the windows, the lower the transoms, the older the tower. Stone walls, or dykes, as the locals call them here, stretch for miles in this county of longer be described as comcastles, bastles and pele mon in the North-east. towers. Records at Capheaton

direct the huntsman. A histo-rian tells me that he is simply doing what his ancestors must have done. She showed me photographs and drawings of towers in France. "Landowners from these border counties travelled on the continent," she said. "French the wall more secure. It will soon be time for chasseurs in medieval times toads to breed. We have been asked by Northumberland Wildlife Trust to beware the toad in the road and to report sightings of crossing points so

that signs can be erected to protect them. A prime toad breeding area in a marshy place near the golf course at Alnmouth has been restored this winter. Brambles and rank undergrowth has been cleared, new ponds and clear wetland constructed. But amphibians are in decline. The so-called common frog can no

VERONICA HEATH

THE CLONING of sheep - which most | parents and was told by his teacher that he would never amount to anything. More likely, as geneticist Dr Patrick Dixon said yesterday, that someone like Saddam Hussein would be fascinated by watching himself grow up. Cloning may have gone further than we realise if yesterday's news is true that someone called Saddam Hussein will preside over the June world chess championship in Baghdad. The real Saddam would hardly dare appear in public. The cloning of animals and plant life

carries dangers because genetically identical sheep or tomatoes could be wiped out by a sudden disease. Humans may see genetic engineering as an incomputers getting too smart, but we should pride diversity above all else. In this sense nature really does know best. Apart from the pleasure involved, mat-Booksearch. 18 Mildmay Grove. London N1 4RL.



Labour in a class of its own

want to be associated. New

inner city; deprivation. New

Labour can't accept the view

that being poor is the problem

because New Labour has be-come "sensible" about eco-

nomics; about poverty and in-

equality it can thus do

So it has to find something else; and there's not a lot of

choice, really, is there? If not

the home, then it's the school.

Which means the teachers, or

Labour wants euphemisms -

The Guardian Friday March 8 1996

Diary Matthew Norman

T is high time to set the record straight about my friend Jonathan Dimb-leby and his wife Bel Mooney. Malicious tongues say that, since the telly show on Charles, the two — flattered by the whiff of royal friendship — have become self-appointed apologists for the Prince. Stuff and nonsense. Take the case of Jack Critchlow, who - a few days after having a letter critical of Charles published in the Guardian received a reply from Bel to what she termed his "rather silly and pointless little letter": in it, she wittily af-fected to defend Charles's position as beir. Mean-

Peter

on regardless.

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while, only yesterday, Jon-athan had a gloriously ironical piece published in the Sun. The headline speaks for itself: "Charles, too, comforts the sick and dying

... in private and without publicity. Of course he should be King." I rang to congratulate him, but was told he hasn't been seen since it appeared in print. Police sources suggest it is too soon to become concerned — but that if he doesn't show up by Monday a search party will be sent to the Prince's colon.

HE ITV night-time dat ing show — next to which Blind Date seems looks like Strindberg in the Swedish — broke new ground this week by bringing together gay couples. ITV is to be congratulated, then, for slotting Army recruitment adverts into commercial breaks both before and during the show.

ODAY is International Women's Day — and how better to mark it than with a pensée from my erstwhile colleague Dr Germaine Greer? It comes from an interview with Duncan Fallowell, published in his book, 20th Century Characters. I reproduce it without either permission from the publisher (Vintage) or coment. "I have a little ment. "I nave a little farm in Tuscany — I will retire there — and my housekeeper Lisa can't read or write, but she's one of my best friends. She can't even tell the time But once tell the time. But once, when I was cursing a basil plant which had died on me. she said: 'Basilico e geloso, mori subito'. Basil is jealous, it dies at once. And I thought — aw shit, I can't teach this woman any-thing." Magnificent.

FTIGATION - possibly under the tort of "passing off" - may be brought by Diary ought by Diary forecaster Steptoe, the West Highland terrier regarded as the western world's lead-ing canine soothsayer. (By the way, at New Year, when they were no-bopers, he tipped Liverpool for the Premiership — and look st them now). Something described as "a small white dog", and calling itself Mys-tic Mutt, has been seen picking Lottery numbers on a regional news show - some thing Steptoe pioneered last summer. Meanwhile, Dogs World magazine employs a terrier as its resident astrol-oger. His name is Jack Russel Grant. Steptoe is currently entoying his retirement from his media career, but may well make another of his positively last appearances shortly, to choose a replacement for

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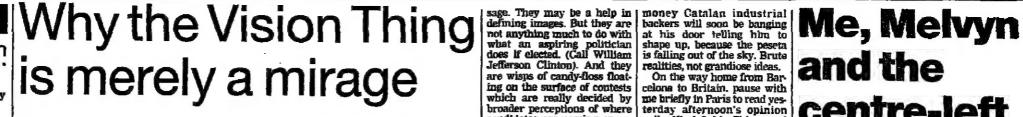
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Commentary quake or fever, will be anointed the challenger to Clinton in San Diego come August. But this week the polls predict his defeat in California's Orange County which is the rough British equivalent of New Labour sweeping Virginia Water. The legions of American

E HUNT the Big Idea as we hunt the Snark. We quest for the Vision Thing pundits are therefore, in the nemorial way of punditry, hereochai way of publicity, busy speculating how Dole can bind together the gaping wounds of the primary circuit, how he can blend a little flatand become a lukewarm pud-dle of lamentation when there is nothing like the Thing on offer. Time, for the moment, to taxing with a little trade protectionism, how racism and back all that stuff away. It isn't happening — and, whilst we lust after some roseate future, the world of the here and now just keeps plugging non-racism, abortion and no abortion, hate and love, can be tacked into a programme of unity which Steve Forbes and Pat Buchanan can salute. It is a doomed enterprise. Worse, it is a deluded enterprise based Take one text from the last four weeks. Effectively, the American primary season was on a lousy hypothesis: the be-lief that new ideas are (a)

always going to be over in that short, cruel span. You looked available and (b) matter. Since the year turned, by way of illustration, the great at a feeble array of Republican candidates. You looked at American news magazines their funds and a drastically changed primary schedule. You could predict (in this slot have, with due phasing, run similarly great cover stories on Forbes the Tax-Reforming four weeks ago) an inchoste, thrashing series of contests Phenomenon and Buchanan the Malign Espouser of Middle Class Discontent. (Due phasfrom which someone - probably old Bob Dole - would

emerge victorious but direly diminished. And so it came to pass. Dole, barring earth-brinight later when Buchanan's New Hampshire triumpl made him the hero of the milli-second). Reams of detailed analysis and speculation therefore followed All of it assumes that an

idea, or a series of ideas, produced an identifiable ele result and must thus be dis sected and embraced with profound reverence. That is roughly as sensible as writing about the second year (1996-99) programme of Chris Patten's government because John Major said something on the way to the loo at Hong Kong airport. In fact, and leaving

Steve Forbes' billionaire mountain of TV cash to one would wish side, Buchanan drew slightly fewer votes in New Hamp shire than he did at the same

1992 event. He won because the rest of the class of '96 did even worse on an even more apathetic, even more disconsolately confused turn-out of activists. Give the once and continuing Buchanan mes-sage the dignity of seeming seriousness and it was always going to shrivel back to its mi-

nority rant status - in Geor gia, to name but one. In sum: ideas, big or small,

may currently be a necessary ing means they hailed Forbes part of the marketing mes-

ing on the surface of contests which are really decided by broader perceptions of where candidates are coming or going to - the perceptions of a voting force which relent essly declines to be as cudchewing stupid as high-priced spin consultants would wish. This may not be a conve nient or welcome message. It is not what we automatically want or wish to contemplate But it seems, as matters rest, the only reasonable way of reading the tide of elections

Beware here, as everywhere else, the wilder shores of ideowashing the world. Did Paul Keating in Canberra get the kangaroo push because of his logical obsession. Our politicians may, one White Paper away, be poised again for fur-ther immersion in the cauldron marked Maastricht 2. Voters relentlessly Nobody else need or will be much interested. The ferment

decline to be as of Scott comes and goes — and Labour's lead shrinks on the ICM index. cud-chewing stupid

as high-priced spin consultants

many old working class (Labour) voters into younger, (Labour) voters into younger, sort-of-middle-class (Conserva-tive) voters as the means to hand provided. At possibly un-recognised root, Tony Blair operates to the same script, but in directional reverse: outrageous views on the sand tity of the monarchy or be-cause of the majesty of How-ard's alternative vision? Neither: the Oz voter was just bored and fed up. In a hot part of Europe which ought to mat-ter to us a great deal more, will Jorge Pujol's Catalan Na-tionalists eventually row to the rescue of Mr Aznar's shakbroad postures for the huge majority of the rest. Does that sound cynical?

Want to argue? Don't call me, call Pat Buchanan. You can ily triumphant Spanish conprobably reach him at some servative government? The ideas and the rhetoric of the radio station in the Bronx this weekend. Ring directory en-quiries and ask for Yestertwo parties says No. The evenday's Man. tual reality is that Pujol's big

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9 realities, not grandiose ideas. On the way home from Bar-celona to Britain, pause with

centre-left



told it is now officially called by my good friend John Birt. Twe been a regular on the

show for some years now, ever since I was invited on in early

The Dolphin. Loosely bas

another issue of great ur-gency. Around the table, we ad a centre-left comedian, a centre-left social scientist, a centre-left philatelist and a centre-left circus acrobat.

only last Monday that I raised

After the initial pleasant-ries, the list of guests' books published this week was read out. Then came the familiar sound of that reassuring catchprase (",... and we are also joined by Bel Littlejohn of AVE radio prog? No question about it. Start the Week with Melvyn Bragg. Or Start the Week with also joined by Bel Littlejohn of the Guardian ...") before we got round to thrashing out exactly what's wrong with our society today. Basically, we were all agreed that whatever is wrong can be laid firmly at the fort of the Pathlishing Melvyn and Bel as it is begin-ning to be known in media circles. Or Start the Week with Bel and Melvyn as I'm the feet of the Establishment, that small, tightly-disciplined, secret elite of chairmen, Gar rick members, millionaires bosses, media moghuls and men in suits who have been secretly running our lives since way back when. Take it from me, any seri-ous debate in this country

1992 to discuss the publication of my award-winning environmental children's classic A Time To Dance With Fluffy oday concerning politics, philosophy, aesthetics, history and the future role of Britain Melvyn's own book with a similar title, it movingly describes the passionate but doomed relationship between a middle-aged schoolmaster in in an increasingly hi-tech in-ternational community must eventually come to rest on the split-up between Charles and the Lake District and the much younger, flightier and damper Fluffy the Dolphin. Me and Melvyn clicked in-stantly. While debating the Di. Who's to blame? On Mon-day's prog, Melvyn got down to brass tacks. "I thought Robert Harris wrote a very intelliissues of the day with our other guests — a leading cen-tre-left theologian, an up-andcent piece yesterday about the Establishment, and the Lorge Bottoms who secretly run our society," he said. "And so I'd like to talk, if I may, about the coming centre-left cheesedivorce of the Prince and Princess of Wales".

UR talk then turned to

maker, an outstanding centre-left dress designer and an outspoken centre-left jeweller - we realised we shared a great many radical views of our society, loosely based the whole nature of the Establishment. Melvyn arond what one might term for the sake of convenience confirmed that the Conserva the centre-left. tive Party was in fact led by Within weeks, he had in-vited me back on the prog and fat-bottomed public-school aristos. "I hope listeners will forgive me for once again agreeing with my assistant," I said, "but Melvyn's got a

before long I had become a much-loved regular. "... and we are also joined by Bel Litt-lejohn of the Guardian" soon took its place as the longpart of the action without selling out all it believes in. He says he shares the view of awaited catchphrase Melvyn both Tony Blair and John Major that "Britain is Asia's had been so sorely in need of. Me and Melvyn, Melvyn and Me Together — we would alway into Europe" partly through its Commonwealth ways direct the round-table connections. But, as impor-tantly, he thinks that Europe conversation towards either (a) the desperate need for a can learn from the Asia mod-el. "Can I, an intelligent man, Bill of Rights or (b) the over-

ited Tory Cabinet for instance, Major, Howard, Rifkind, Clarke. All of them fat-bot-tomed public school aristos. It's an open-and-shut cas "And" I went on, "you don't have to tell me they're probably all members of something whelming argument for in-creased state funding of the stuffy and all-male like the Garrick Club, and of course they're millionaires from sit here and look at the bail creased state funding of the Garrick Club, and of course ance between tax and spending in Asia and tax and we had Archbishop Desmond cashing in their Thatcherite believe in some lessons for "So, as an Archbishop from instead in Who's Who'as chair-believe that there is no connection between sluggish first question, "are you or are of the media, and they're all instead in Who's State options.

point. Look who you've got at

the top of the present discred-

Chris Patten's reign in Hong Kong is nearing its end. What then for the man suddenly being touted as Major's successor? He talks to Alex Brummer

Still the governor



his bags and parachute back into British politics. "I am here until the 30th of June 1997," he declares definitively, adding "I am not going to fight a seat at the next general election."

Such firmness is clearly

Mr Juppe eight weeks ago in the alleged throes of terminal crisis inexorably imposed by their attachment to the idea of Economic and Monetary Union. Brothers, they are still there. Chirac isn't wildly popular, but his "good job" rat-ings are situated in Tony Blair territory; and Juppe is more popular than Prince Charles.

me briefly in Paris to read yes-

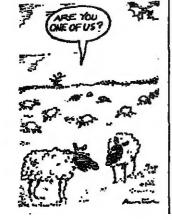
terday afternoon's opinion polls. We left Mr Chirac and

I always thought that Mrs Thatcher's Big Idea was in truth only the small and slitty-eyed notion of turning as

s for the issues class

Gentleman Charlie Wilson. FTER two weeks of ceaseless detective work, we can today expose the mystery journal ist denounced by my friend Peter Bottomley, the well meaning but oblique MP for Eltham. Having eliminated so many suspects (Sir John Junor among them), the agony ends today for all but "the journalist" himself. It is . . . me. You will appreciate that this has come as a tremendous shock, but before reporting myself to the Press Complaints Commission, I would like to make a short statement: I wish to express my regret for any distress caused. I have let my editor down. I've let my paper down. I've let the Bol-mondelys down. And I've let my loyal army of readers down. Most of all, however, T ve let myself down.

O you remember Peter Hitchens? The Diary is looking for mementoes of his career with the Socialist Worker's Party in the 1970s, before he joined the Daily Express. If you can help, please contact the Diary, in confidence, at the usual number.



essential for Britain's last Governor who is determined to give no comfort to the anti-Patten factions in the colony's business community, or those who would kowtow to the mainland Chinese. They would welcome the departure of the Governor who is perceived by democrats in Hong Kong as having done more, at some personal cost, to open up the political debate there than all of his august predecessors Nevertheless, Patten

plainly is savouring the after-math of the prime ministerial call in Hong Kong which has propelled him back to the centre of British political debate. John Major, having been asked whether he thought Patten could be a potential successor to the Tory leader-ship, gave what Patten describes as "a loyal and sym-pathetic answer." However, the Governor says he does not believe that it is possible to "talk seriously about the po-litical prospects of somebody

who is out of the British political scene, some distance from any question of the lead-Party." Reflecting on the point, as he leans back into the armchair in his light and airy study at Government House, he recalls that if you look back over the leadership of the Torles since Eden in 1955 you find that with "most recent changes, the person who became leader emerged

only at the last minute." Having pronounced that there is no precedent for such a thing Patten cannot but delight in the alarm being felt by some in the Tory Party, which the current newspaper speculation must be provoking. "There will be one or two people on the right of the Conservative Party who will doubtless be choking on their cornflakes," he wryly notes. "But I don't think they have

need for immediate apoplexy." Although there is, to use Patten's own words, uc immediate intention to return to the UK political fray who will be choking that does not mean that he has had no offers, or that his experiences in managing the complex economy of an Asian

tiger nation, has not shifted and clarified his political philosophy He dismisses the widely

floated notion that there is some safe seat in Kensington & Chelsea or elsewhere being nurtured ahead of his return to Britain. But there have been no shortage of offers. 'I have received approaches from Conservative associa-tions," he confirms. But they have received what he describes as "courteous but firm replies." He adds, in case there is any confusion on the point, "There are no seats



firmly, he notes there is a Conservative Party in which he remains interested, even in his present apolitical state, "in an academic sort of way. This requires Patten to have a viewpoint about "the development of Europe; about This requires Patten to have a viewpoint about "the development of Europe; about the council, LegCo. So what kind of Conserva-to the new Patten? Dur-'in an academic sort of way." development of Europe; about the relationship between pub-lic spending and tax and about inputs in the economy There will be one or two people on the Conservative right

on their comflakes' - research, capital invest

ment and infrastructure." Even though he has a clarity of view on all of these issues, which clearly has been bur nished by the Asian-Pacific experience, this does not sig-nal that he is going to stop talking about democracy in Hong Kong and the Chinese disdain for press freedom, and start on what he calls the

"chicken and peas" circuit. Indeed, Patten is rather proud of the fact that it is his own extraordinarily close of relationship with the Prime

being kept warm." In case | Minister ("we enjoy each | which - in the Patten view that slams the door a little too | other's company, I think he is | - Europe should learn about - Europe should learn about Asia. "I think that what is terrific") which helped to move the UK political system happening in Asia is speciac-ular and it is incredibly imon the Hong Kong passport and visa issues, and took Major further than he has

> tive is the new Patten? Dur-ing our talk he steadfastly resisted the notion that in his enthusiasm for the excite-

ments of the Asian growth model he had somehow given up on the principles of Ger-man Christian Democrats and what he describes as a socially responsible market economy. "But I am something more domesticated than a German Christian Demo-

crat. I am a Tory and not particularly ideological," he says. "I have learned, therefore, to learn from life as I

pass along this stony road. It would be mind-bogglingly stupid of me to spend a few years of my life in the middle of Asia and not actually have any mark left on me."

He maists, though, that he has not become "starry eyed about Asia" despite being enthusiastic about the region. He believes it is not necessary for Europe to "give up its own values" to be able to compete with Asia. There is, however, much

portant to the world econo-my, that we should continue to see the opening up of the Asian economy. But I don't think we are simply going to see lines lancing up the graph paper exponentially until the crack of doom. I don't think 'I have received approaches from Conservatives but there are no seats

> being kept warm that Asian economies are

suddenly going to outstrip, either in total GDP or in per capita, the already successful OECD economies. And I don't think China in particular. whatever the importance of its economic revolution, is going to metamorphose into a sort of mega-Singapore over the next 10 or 15 years." These propositions, which populate the bookstands at Asian and North American airports, are "for the birds." Patten does believe, however, that Europe can become has a great deal to offer.

growth in Europe, high levels of unemployment in Europe and public spending and tax? I am not in favour of a slash we have to reduce the role of the state in the economy in bypass protesters had a valid the medium- and long-term. point and an absolute right to

sit here and look at the bal-

"We delude ourselves whether we are German, Italians, Spanish or French if we believe we can go on with a 1940s or 50s attitude to public spending without any conse-quences for economic growth in the next century." Patten insists, however, that this ing of the Arts. does not conflict with the idea of one-nation Toryism. He was attracted to the Disraeli notion of Torvism which stated that duty, obligation and social responsibility were all important. "But I no more believe that you have to demonstrate your Euro-en-thusiasm by signing up to a calendar for the single currency than I believe that you have to demonstrate your care and compassion by the proportion of GDP taken by the state."

Here the Governor of Hong Kong is able to draw upon local experience. In its budget, presented to the LegCo this week, he was able to offer its people compassion, in the shape of sharp spending in-creases on the elderly, tax cuts in the shape of a 43 per cent reduction for middle-income families, and still bring public spending in at 18 per cent of total wealth, producing a small budget surplus for the year 1996-97.

This outcome of low spending and low taxes can be con-trasted with John Major's goal of bringing total public spending down to 40 per cent of GDP, more than twice the figure in Hong Kong in a bad year. The Patten view is that It is not just spending which needs cutting but tax too: "I do believe that levels of tax have an effect on people's attitudes to work and people's willingness to take risk; I do believe that one of the most attractive things about Hong Kong is the willingness of people to have a crack at things themselves, the enthusiasm and the nerve."

Thus what had begun as a talk with the Governor about the prospects for Hong Kong's political and economic future - which to many in the colony look increasingly bleak as the handover approaches — had effectively become a clear statement of the political creed which he will bring back to London when Britain retreats. Chris Patten may not have positively ruled in a claim to the post-Major Tory leadership, but he certainly left the impression that he

you not in favour of a new Opera House in Cardiff?" a leading Saudi dissident on, At this point, Melvyn and burn approach to public and I got the prog off to a to shift his bottom in his spending but I do believe that flying start by asking him if chair. "Let's move on to a new

he agreed that the Newbury raise the issues in a so-called democratic society. Result? A cracker of a show, with a discussion of everything from a Bill of Rights to state fund-

Diana" said Melvyn, "Or what about a Bill of Rights? Estab-lishment this, Establishment Great memories, all of 'en. And it was on Start the Week broaden it out a bit, Bel".

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invited to the same parties where they mix with the rich

a leading Saudi dissident on, and I got the prog off to a to shift his bottom in his book by Sister Wendy" he chipped in. "But, Melvyn," I said, "Sister Wendy's not in the studio this morning, and we don't even have her book." "So let's talk about Princess

10 OBITUARIES

The Rt Rev Stanley Booth-Clibborn



tem. At Orford, after the wat

vocation was in the ordained ministry of the Church of

England, while retaining warm relationships within the older generation of the Booth-Clibborn family in the

Salvation Army leadership.

Kenya involved him in ecu-

menical responsibilities.

tics but was convinced

EFLECTION on personal salvation and indi-the life and minis vidual morality. So his striv the life and minis-try of Stanley Booth-Clibborn. Manchester, who has died aged 71, serves to underline the unfairness of pinning labels on prominent church leaders. I came across him many years ago. at a conference where my first reaction to a typically forceful contribution from him was: "There's a radical!" It was a superficial judgment, which was often offered about him by folk of opposing views.

You could not properly ap-preciate him except in the context of his background coming from the family that founded the Salvation Army. General William Booth told his first officers going into the worst slums of our cities that their priorities were soup, soap and salvation, in that order. Booth-Clibborn's public pronouncements on social issues were frequently criticised but he claimed to have been concerned with mission priorities rather than making party political points. His convictions and assessments of life in the community were based on what the prophets of the Old Testament proclaimed as God's will, on the teaching of Jesus and that of the Apostles in the rest of the New Testament. He pas-

Church of Scotland family, and his children, he returned sionately believed that the Kingdom of God relates to the to inner-city parishes in Lin-whole of life, not just the coln. His ministry was not



Christian soldier . . . Booth-Clibborn, a feeling for the poor, the oppressed, the outcast

stbilities, however. The British Council of Churches, Lin-coln Theological College and Christian Aid (Anne was later to chair its board) all made use of his expertise. After Lin-In 1975 he began almost 14 heart bypass operation. He had been astonished to learn that he had a dicky heart. Indeed, just before go-

which included editorship of years ministry as Bisbop of Manchester. The diocese has the largest number of Urban ing into hospital he was playa church newspaper. It was a ing tennis But I learned from time of emerging indepenthe diocesan communications dence for Kenya, when the Mau Mau rebellion and politi-Priority Area parishes. In all officer that. during the three his dealings with clergy and inity, parishes, public figures, cal upheaval dominated the scene. Booth-Clibborn was weeks he was in intensive care, there were more phone calls from within the diocese institutions and (not least) people of other faiths - of concerned for church unity in than the office had ever the face of the crisis and for the development of African which there were large numleadership. bers in the diocese – he with his wife Anne, who showed deep care and deal with them.

came from a prominent concern. Those who had different stances and policies. in matters ecclesiastical and com-munal, gladly testified to his

times of trouble, stress and pressure. How strong was the affection in which he was held was demonstrated some phasis must be laid on the months before his retirement, decisive pronouncements and when he had to face a serious actions he was able to pursue. As Moderator of the Move-

ment for the Ordination of Women (1979-82), his advo-cacy and leadership were strong. He saw no conflict between taking a firm stand for women's ordination and his episcopal care of oppo-nents, especially in his own dioces

A major development in the diocese which he steered through was the creation of an area system. It involved the devolution of authority in

appropriate in a largely ur-ban diocese. The strengthening of this "middle management" in the Manchester diocese did much to build up its life where the necessary abilities were evi-dent. Those who had the privilege of serving in some proximity to him were deeply

debt to his wife and children in sustaining his ministry to the end.

Colin Craston

Booth-Clibborn, former Bishop of Manchester, born October 20,

Simon Cadell

English at Southampton and years in this post that he wrote his first academic book, The Medium Of Poetry (1934) and researched his 1937 biog-raphy of Daniel Defoe. These two books still speak clearly of Sutherland's strengths. The first is criticism written with the grain of different poetry interact and commit poets' interests and commit-ments; he was always to think that the best writers knew what they were about. The second is a work of archival

The Guardian Friday March 8 1996

Critic next to greatness

AMES SUTHERLAND who has died aged 95. began his inaugural lec-ture as Lord Northcliffe Professor of English at Uni-versity College, London, by observing that there were things more significant than great literature but criticism was not one of them. A sense of the modesty of From 1951 until his 1967 retirement he was Lord Northcliffe Professor at UCL. Colleagues and students recall his quiet charm. gende-

ness and dry wit. He kept his distance, as professors once could, from bureaucracy and academic politics — to coi-leagues, another aspect of his methanaplinger, and rould A sense of the modesty of critical and editorial labours gentlemanliness - and would leave at tea time to catch the runs through the work of a man who left a large body of learned, still authoritative, writing on Restoration and 18th century English litera-ture. It helps keep it alive and bucid — annovariataby civen Oxford train. He lived nearby with his wife Helen, an advertising copywriter, whom he had married in 1931 A quiet passion for interature came through in his writing and teaching. A student com-plained that he could fill you lucid — appropriately, given the satirical depictions of critics to be found in some of the writers, such as Pope and Swift, about whom he was expert. The modesty is perwith enthusiasm for a writer who would later turn out to be rather duller than he had made him seem. At UCL, and during what he called a "halcyon period" of a year's research at Los haps one of the qualities that leads those who knew him to describe him, admiringly, as

Angeles's Clark Library he did the groundwork for English Literature Of The a scholar from a different age. Sutherland was born and educated in Aberdeen. After university there, he studied at Oxford and then lectured in Late Seventeenth Century, his volume of the Oxford History of English Literature. published in 1969. Learned though this is, it has the same Glasgow. Next be was appointed in 1969. Learned pointed to a senior lecture-ship at University College. elegant familiarity as his London, and it was in his six other critical writing and the same interest in those eccentrics and oddities who as much characterise a period as its loftier writers. This inter est he turned to use in the wonderful jumble of The Oxford Book Of Talk (1953) and, after his retirement. in his hugely successful Oxford Book Of Literary Anecdotes (1975). He himself was a fascinating talker. A friend who met him in the Bodleian Library remem-1

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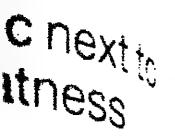
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experienced — and a special phone-line had to be laid on to Even when in receipt of several aspects of episcopal communications that were ministry to the three Suffravitriolic and unjust (bishops) gan Bishops. He also in-Right Rev Stanley Eric Francis do get such letters), and creased the responsibilities of though hurt and anxious Rural Deans, changing their private practice of religion. | confined to parochial respon- | active kindness, especially in | about relationships, he was | name to Area Deans as more | 1924; died March 6, 1996

grateful for his gift of encouragement. To all tradi-tions in the Church his aim was to be fair. Stanley Booth-Clibborn would be the first to acknowledge his enormous

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FinanceGuardian

Wessex offers lower bills for neighbours

WESSEX Water yesterday promised to cut the water bills of South West Water's 1.5 million customers if its proposed £650 million plus bid for its neighbouring utility succeeds, write Nicholas Bannister and Geoffrey

But the planned bid, which will have to be approved by both the Monop-olles and Mergers Commis-sion and trade and industry secretary Jan Lang, was coolly received by the SWW board chaired by Keith Court. It told shareholders that Wessex had not yet made a formal offer and they should take no action. SWW customers have the

bighest water and sewage charges in the country partly because the com-pany has invested heavily to resolve a range of probto resolve a range of prob-lems including water pollu-tion along its huge coast-line, which takes in many of the country's best known bathing beaches. Wessex, headed by Nicho-less Hood (right) is not

las Hood (right), is pre-pared to offer "a commer-cially justifiable premium" to SWW's closing price on Wednesday of 508p. How-ever, the shares soared to 606p yesterday in anticipa tion of a counterbid.



Hong Kong Notebook

Democracy has hefty price tag



the flag comes down. Indeed, in preparation for Chris Pat-ten's evacuation of Government House, Britain is build-ing a huge new consulate in the shadow of the Conrad hotel (where John Major's party stayed) to take care of UK affairs, from passport cuestions to transform of questions to monitoring of the Joint Declaration and Basic Law, under which Beij-ing will govern. Although Britain is no longer Hong Kong's biggest investor, its stake is consider-

Investor, its stake is consider-able. Figures, collated by Brit-ain's trade commission sug-gest that UK investment in the colony is still worth £70 billion, down from £30 billion in 1983 as a result

of a decline in stock market values and the migration of

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Alex Brummer

Many in Hong Kong's business community believe that the best way of ensuring a smooth transition to Chinese rule is to do what the Chinese want. This view has encouraged many viccons to dissociate themselves from Governor Chris Patten's policy of encouraging a measure of genu-ine democracy in the colony, in Beijing. Hong Kong, in the Patten view, is a testimony to the benefits of a free and open press, unfettered financial markets and open borders to

Although Singapore does not offer the same freedoms, there are opinion leaders here who say it could challenge Hong Kong's leadership. The costs for international finan-Directors deny cashing in on false market
City 'hopping mad' cial institutions of doing busiof inflated property prices and rising labour costs. There is some concern that **Vickers draws fire**

when China does take over there may be a new cost: that of corruption. No deal can at present be done in Shanghai

greasing of paims. That may not damage Hong Kong's role Club and carrot as the international financial centre for China, but it could

ANY business people Min Hong Kong believe that the ultimate status symbol is membership of the China Club, the Shang hai art deco-style eaterie owned by entrepreneur David Tang which is considered the territory's equivalent of the Savoy Grill.

Compared, however, with

Swiss merger puts Zeneca in bid frame

Mark Milner and Samh Whitebicon

EWS of a 240 billion Swiss pharmaceuticals merger sparked specu-lation of a fresh shake-up in the industry, worldwide, with Britain's Zeneca in the bid spotlight. The announcement of the

Liss Buckingham and Chris Barrie group, Rochs, has been tipped as a likely candidate for a tie-up with the UK group, while some suggest that Bayer and Pfizer from the US may be looking for a strategic move.

Yesterday Zeneca reacted coldly to the speculation. David Barnes, chief executive of the former ICI division, inin the group's shares to sell £760,000 worth of options. sisted that "size is not every thing in the pharmaceuticals Top institutional investors

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CKERS, the engineering group, was yesterday plunged

into controversy as leading shareholders share price. cused company directors of shing in on a false market

trai trading statement. That | heard more about the trading | trading statement and an encouraged City analysis to | prospects — three of the com- effective profits warning at the revise upwards their expects | pany's directors had exercised | meeting there was a false martions for the group's earnings in the current year - a move which usually gives significant impetus to a company's

But at an investment meet-ing with analysis held at 11.30am, Vickara' executives appeared considerably more downbeat about the group's trading prospects, pointing to

meeting there was a false mar-286,673 options at 86p and imket in the shares." mediately sold most of them into the market at 282p. Sir Colin netted a profit of £368,290 on his share sale leav-A Vickers spokeswoman de-nied there was any question of a false market. She said all ing him with just 42,500 shares

the shares had been sold through the company's broin the company he heads. His boardroom colleague, commerker. It is understood that the executive share options were exercised and then sold cen-trally under Vickers' longcial director Andrew John, made £109,764 and Roger Head, finance and planning manag-

to Singapore, enticed by Lee Kuan Yew's compulsory savstanding policy.

results announcement to the

The spokeswoman said the

make it less attractive over the longer haul for the third-country financial institutions which have large-scale opera-tions in the territory. There are already indica-tions that some fund management operations have moved

schemes, which have dation, a business group been seen as a model for membership of which costs costs £400,000, the China Club Europe as well as this region. Although Hong Kong can pro-(which occupies the old Bank of China building) is for duce independent surveys showing that it remains cost paupers. competitive with Singapore, that is not the perception among business leaders. Among the members of the BHKF are billionaires such as Li Ka Shing of Hutchinson Whampon, which is shortly to There is a view that the col-ony should be doing more to cash on Orange, and Stanley Ho, whose fortune has been built on a Macao's casino em-pire. The club, run by former attract inward investors by offering subsidies or tax breaks, something that is alien to the non-intervention-ist character of the colony. advertising executive Leonie

Jardines from Hong Kong to London and Singapore. In ad-dition there are some £10 billion of UK pension fund assets in Hong Kong as well as around £500 million in banking and insurance boldings. holdings. But the main significance of Hong Kong to the UK is as an export location. Some £800 millions of UK exports go to Hong Kong each year. An-other £845 million worth passed through last year on the way to China. The commercial weight of this relationship is among the reasons why British political

leaders have trodden so warily when dealing with Beijing and will, despite John Major's brave words here, continue to do so. or Shenzhen without some

and Sandoz to form the world's second-largest drugs company, to be called Novar-tis, sent European pharmaceuticals shares soaring.

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in London, Zeneca shares rose 96p to £13.77, while in Frankfurt Germany's three big chemicals groups, BASF, Bayer and Hoechst, which all have strong pharmaceuticals operations, rose sharply.

Despite a string of mergers in recent years, including Glaxo's £9.1 billion acquisi-tion of Wellcome and Rhône-Poulenc Rorer's hostile take-over of Fisons, the global drugs market remains fragmented. Yesterday's merger will put the new company in second place in terms of market share, with 4.4 per cent. behind Glaxo-Wellcome's

share of around 5 per cent. It will also mean the loss of some 13,000 jobs - about 10 per cent of the combined Ciha.'Sandoz workforce. The two groups reckon the merger will produce savings of £1 bil-lion over the next three years.

The recent wave of mergers has fostered the belief of many observers that further consolidation is imminent. "If the company wants to be a global player it has to have a certain size and scale," said Christiane Dienhart, an ana-lyst at Bayerische Vereinsbank

Brokers have long earmarked Zeneca as an attrac-tive target. Another Swiss

Global drug deals

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mampaining the there was plenty of room in the drugs market for "players of all sizes". Mr Barnes said: "Our pol-

icy is to drive the business as hard and as fast as we know how. It is not a strategic imperative for us to do something just for the sake of said the share sales had foldoing something

"It is not like the aerospace industry, where there is benefit from size. There is no evi-dence that research-and-development productivity increases with size ... Quite

the opposite." Mr Barnes pointed to 15 per cent increase in fullyear profits before excep-tional items to £878 million -although goodwill write-offs took the post-exceptions pre-tax total down from £559 miltalks with publishers lion to \$515 million.

Zeneca's pharmaceuticals and agrochemicals businesses had an "excellent year", ac-cording to the group, with sales rising beyond £2 billion for the first time.

agency, music and bookselling group, Its spending on R&D was also well ahead at £549 million, compared with £518 milhas signalled a willingness to lion in 1994. Zeneca's manage ment yesterday emphasised climb down from its "get tough" spproach to small the crucial role that such expublishers by calling a meetpenditure has on corporate

ing with representatives of the sector on Monday. Gerald Jenkins, the new development. According to John Mayo, Zeneca's finance chairman of the Guild of Indedirector, the group would "rather take risk in science than with gearing the com-pany up and playing fast and loose with scientists". pendent Publishers (GIP), said he would meet executives from WH Smith to discuss the group's plans to de-

All figures £bn

lowed company policy. Vickers, which owns luxury car maker Rolls-Royce, an-

is to discover that ber of one-off factors ing director. made £33.000 Vickars' chief executive, Sir Colin Chandler, and two which had buoyed the 1995 results but would not carry other directors had sold share forward into the current year. options just before the compa-ny's share price crashed after Problems with the Challenger 2 battle tank also became hitting a new high. However, clearer. Vickers' shares were 14p up the company has denied alle-

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on their opening price when that meeting began. But shortly after it finished, they gations of a false market and were 10p lower, reflecting con-cerps raised at the session.

nounced a 67 per cent increase in profits to 275 million at 7.30am accompanied by a neu-three hours before the City

During the morning, when the City had been encouraged about the outlook for Vickers Stock Exchange and the analysts' presentation were enand helped by recent takeover speculation, the company's tirely consistent. "There has been a certain amount of maahares had touched a new high of 302p. The stock ended the day 9p down at 279p. nipulation of the share price by the City, not by the company." "Institutions are hopping mad," said one leading fund

However, another fund manager said that although there appeared not to have been any illegality, the sales reflected badly on the reputamanager. "Some of them are even talking about the possi-bility of legal action." One senior analyst com-mantad: "Between an upbeat

tion of the company and its boardroom in the City. **WH Smith calls peace** Partners share

of John Lewis trade surplus

WH Smith, which sells one in THE 35,000 employeeevery four books, were promi-nent at the annual conference partners of John Lewis, the department store and supermarkets group, are to receive a bonus worth almost eight weeks' pay

January. was holding meetings with the entire publishing industry. It also denied it was waging £57 million of that surplus

Chairman Alan Michels said continued strong price the group had secured bank commitments for £1.2 billion. competition from rivals such as Sainsbury and though no final decision had been made on whether to use

stores - which, alone in

creased by 7 per cent. Waitrose added 13 per cent by competition from the providing the third year of strong profits rebound for the company which suf-fered badly in the early years of the decade.

The latest 28 per cent improvement for the partnership comes on top of a 25

rent year was uncertain. Even so, in the first five weeks of trading, depart-ment stores are showing 12 per cent growth in sales, while Waitrose's are 14 per

ki, hopes to counter any nega-tive image of Hong Kong in the build-up to withdrawal. The foundation is soon to take its roadshow to the United States, to convince in-The new budget seeks to maintain Hong Kong's edge with a large increase in fund-ing for improving service-economy skills: telecommunications and the skills base of the population, including the vestors that post-1997 Hong Kong will still be a great place

ability to speak English. This in which to invest and do should help. But Hong Kong may also be assisted by its pobusiness. The group rejects sugges-tions that it exists to counter tential rival. Singapore — it is said to have had enough of any adverse impact which Mr foreign invaders following the antics of Nick Leeson on Patten's reform programme and the complaints of democrats, like Martin Lee and

Emily Lau, may have on the People's Republic, Nonetheless, thus far the foundation has spent most of its time co-

RITAIN, of course, has sying up to the mainland Chi-nese, but there is no guaran-Bas much reason as any-one to fear a loss of contee that this strategy will fidence in Hong Kong once work.

News in brief

chain, group pre-tax profit slipped 5.6 per cent to Cable operator calls up £1bn £121.3 million.

Northumberland boost

A new 180-job factory was yes cable operator, yesterday revealed that it needed a furterday announced for an area ther £1 billion to complete its networks and develop new which has suffered increased unemployment in the wake of pit closures. US-owned Simula Automotive Safety Deservices including probably the fastest Internet link yet for residential customers. vices will produce airbags for cars on the Wansbeck Busi-ness Park at Ashington, Northumberland, after a £4 million investment. The com-pany, a subsidiary of Simula Inc, expects to create 110 of the jobs within 12 months.

Rolls profits take off

Aero-engine maker Rolls-Royce, which saw profits rise 73 per cent last year, to £175 million on sales 13 per cent higher at £3.59 billion, said further improvements lay off profits of the betting ahead as cost-cutting and businesses. Despite an 18.5 growing airline profitability per cent increase at the fed through to its profit margroup's biggest business, the gins. Shares rose 4p to close at Hilton International hotel 215p.

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ROUND 150 Aborigine families in Queensland, Australia, have been offered A\$60 million (£30 million) over a 20-year period by RTZ.	the land. Under Australia's Native Title Act, a tribunal will now consider the issues. Leon Davis, RTZ's deputy chief executive, said the com- pany was prepared to "go	charges, along v at RTZ's Kennec America and th mine in Chile - biggest coppe brought this do		
the world's biggest mining group, the company said yesterday. The Waanyi Aborigines	back to square one" on the negotiations if necessary, but warned this could mean the mine being scaled down.	justed £913 milli the City expect RTZ shares down Meanwhile,		
have been offered the cash for lost land rights while RTZ builds a £550 million zinc mine nearby. However, the Aborigines	He added: "It's very difficult to determine just what the tri- bunal will decide, but we con- sider our offer to be a very attractive one — it's the high-	RTZ's chief exec to rule out the p bid for Peabody can coal-mining by Hanson, wi		
want to continue the year- long negotiations, which RTZ said yesterday threatened the mine's future.	est offer ever made by a min- ing company in Australia." News of the offer came as RTZ unveiled pre-tax profits	rently in the p merging itself. "We are alway various options,		

The Aborigines were of £1.6 billion for 1995, up 37 is certainly the only part of cleared last month by the Ausper cent on 1994, the first fig-tralian High Court to appeal ures since the company's ested in," he said. "But it has against an earlier Federal merger with its Australian as had its problems."

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A Small Small Publishers' of GIP, which has more than 300 members, last weekend. Jo Howard, the company's new head of adult books. attended the conference and is thought to have opened the way for conciliation talks. The company, which has issued two profit warnings in the past year, said yesterday it

It also denied it was waging a campaign against left-wing magazines by questioning whether it should continue to stock titles such as Tribune

and Red Pepper. The com-pany said there merely had been a routine review of what should remain at individual

a £57m slice Lisa Buckingham

pears the GIP will hold this potential weapon in reserve. Worries about the tactics of

the futures markets. Handle with care following record profits of £150 million in the year to

The company, which operates 23 department stores and 112 branches of Wai-trose and is Britain's larg-

to staff. Chairman Stuart Hampson said yesterday they were the driving force

behind the increased prof-Telewest, Britain's largest The 28 per cent growth in profit, on sales 9 per cent higher at £2.8 billion, was

achieved despite the hot summer hitting depart-ment store sales and the fact that Waitrose faces

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Sales in the department

this type of financing. Ladbroke hit hard the high street, offer nearly Betting shops to hotels group 500.000 product lines --- in-Ladbroke has been hard hit

National Lottery and the cancellation of horse race meetings because of bad weather, with 40.5 per cent being wiped

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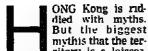
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RICHARD THOMAS and SIMON BEAVIS say islands of socialism float in the colony's sea of capitalism Myths of Patten's pattern for Britain



ritory is a laissezfaire society, free from the grubby touch of government hands

Chris Patten, who wants to export the Hong Kong eco-nomic model to Britain, knows that few of the officials and businessmen who perpetuate the myth really believe it. In fact, the colony is two parts capitalism, one part socialism

In some areas. Hong Kong makes the old eastern Europe look free market. Half the population, 3.1 million people. live in public housing and pay loss than 10 per cent of devices. But there are, as Mr

government builds a new home every 13 minutes. Transport projects like the new airport are plotted against a 50-year planning cycle and the transport system operates under the long shadow of state regulation.

competed on the basis of low wages, and did well. But this Fung Tung, director of the Hong Kong Housing Author-ity, is one of the few who admeant people couldn't afford homes. The government had to house them, or it would mits the market is not always king. "Our approach in some never have worked." Since then the economic areas. including housing, is rationale has been suppleessentially a socialist one." Much of the economy is mented by a political one. Greater democracy means it highly liberal. Registering a would be politically impossicompany involves filling out a short form and coughing up £30 and the financial markets ble to change course, argues Mr Pong. "Public housing is

simply too popular now." There is no sign of governare left largely to their own

remplement each other, with state housing a silent partner in Hong Kong's economic success. "In the 1960s and 1970s, we "In the 1960s and 1970s, we hillion) to spend each year

half as much again as the whole welfare budget. Public transport is vital for most people — only 13 per cent of households own cars. Of the 10 million commuter journeys each day, 5.5 million are by bus and tram, 3.2 mi]lion by rail, 1.3 million by taxi and 200,000 by ferry. The fact that most public

transport is provided by pri-vate firms makes it seem that here at least Hong Kong is at

tervention to make it work, and growing congestion and pollution is provoking even reater state involvement Private car ownership is

now growing at up to 12 per cent a year. Add to that a huge fleet of heavy and light trucks servicing a busy port and a frenetic construction

industry and Hong Kong's problem becomes clear. Haider Barma, the transport secretary, has been look-ing at ways to cut congestion without building more roads, the usual remedy. Some

HK\$30 billion has been pledged to build three new railways as well as a highway | trade union. Strikes are virtu-

privacy worries, is back on the cards.

using the term "deregulated" to describe the market. Sex The government is also beginning to regulate perhaps the most free market of all in discrimination laws have been introduced and factory inspection beefed up.

By western standards, em-ployment regulation is lim-ited. There is no unfair dis-missal protection — though The problem is that employers have to agree before the government will back any change. This power of veto some compensation can be results in patchy policymakclaimed - no rules against ing. A couple of years ago, racial discrimination. no statutory maternity rights restriction on working hours, no national insurance system. were put in place, but employ-ers refused to give up power no unemployment benefit and over hiring and firing. Preg no collective bargaining, one of the reasons fewer than one in five workers belong to a nant women were simply sacked — so the government has pledged to close this gap. Trade unionists

ONG Kong is rid-died with myths. But the biggest muther that the transport register. But the biggest muther that the transport register. But Stephen ID. The says the two approaches complement each other with biggest complement each other with biggest is minutes. The says the two approaches complement each other with biggest complement each other with biggest is the two approaches biggest is the two approaches complement each other with biggest is the two approaches complement each other with biggest is the two approaches complement each other with biggest is the two approaches complement each other with biggest is the two approaches complement each other with biggest is the two approaches complement each other with biggest is the two approaches complement each other with complement each other But Stephen Ip. the labour commissioner, has stopped workers.

Lee Cheuk Yan head of the Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unionists, said "Hong Kong has become a prosper-ous country, but the benefits are not yet being shared with

ordinary workers " The small beginnings made towards improving protection for workers, better welfare provision and bousing are likely to hit opposition from Beijing after 1997.

Mr Lee is certainly gloomy Things will be much worse then," he says. "The Chinese Communist Party can't wait to get into bed with the big

Hong Kong's prosperous image disguises a growing gap between rich and poor, which dwarfs the levels of inequality in Taiwan and Singapore. The lives of the haves and have-nots, described respectively by ANDREW HIGGINS and RICHARD THOMAS, rarely cross



handle private jets. an indispensable trophy for millionalres elsewhere. So

embarrassing. A real blow-out requires diligence. When Shanghai-born property mogul David Chu wants to let rip, he has to get up at 5am and leave his enthouse in Repulse Bay before the sun comes up.

Only then are roads empty enough for his £175,000 Fer-rari or £132,000 Acura-NSX. An ability to cruise at 170mph is not much use otherwise in a cramped city barely 20 miles across

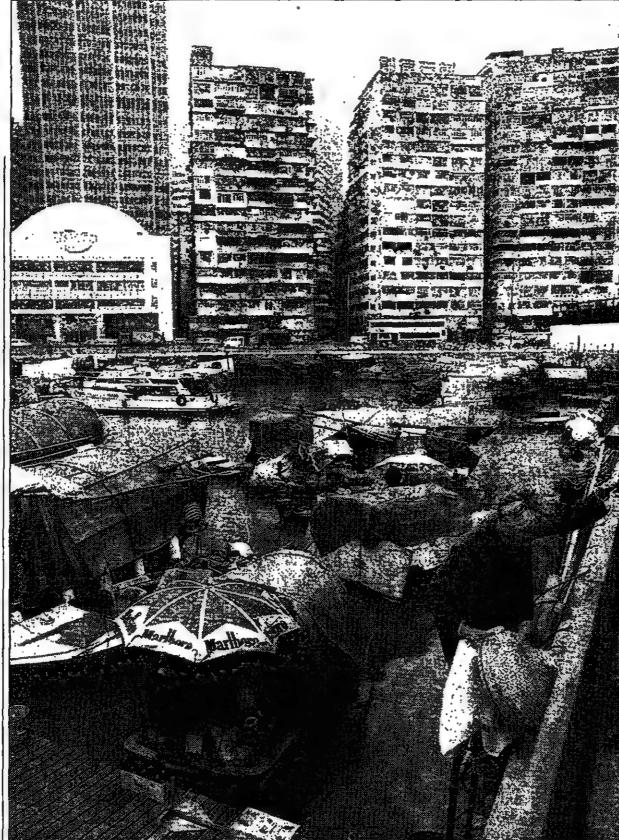
I can go from Repuise Bay to Fanling in 20 minutes." he boasts. "It is just for the speed. Different people have different priorities. Mine is

Mr Chu rapresents prop-erty firms on the Hong Kong or North America. It has legislature and sits on vari-inore Rolis-Royces and Bent-

ITY the rich of Hong Kong. The airport. Kai Tak, is too cramped to Brenda Chao, frequently featured in glossy magazines with their his and hers Rolls-Royces, one in pink, the other in gold. Another veteran is Common are locury yatha ... Victoria Harbour that any-thing under 80 foot is personal helicopter.

Only a member of Hong Kong's super-super-rich could ever afford the luxury of claiming, as did multi-billion-aire Li Ka-shing in a recent interview, that he wears shoes with plastic soles be-cause they last longer and eats food most people would feed their cat. "My life is rather simple and I don't need much money." he claimed im-plausibly. Mr Li also let slip that he had donated £183 mil-

lion to charities in China. For the marely rich, flashiness counts. Hong Kong buys two to three times more Cartier watches — at £130,000 to haif a million — than the



Colony of invisibility

a Boeing 747 from nearby Kai Tak airport is passing overhead, seemingly just a few feet above his 11th-floor flat.

"You get used to it after a while," he eventually shouts in Cantonese, his English-speaking daughter translating. "In fact, the only time I wake up is if

where Mr Lan lives houses some of the growing army of Hong Kong's poor, who tarnish the colony's self-image as the most affluent island in the world. He earns about HK\$2,000 (£180) a month from his shoe repair business and has a wife and three chil-

dren to support. A former factory worker, who lost his job when the firm moved to China, he says it has become harder to make ends meet over the "It is hard for pe

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But Ms Tang, programmo, director for Oxfam Hong,

reputation as a land of opportunity, a place where working hard will pay off.

forces were old age — in a society which until recently had virtually no



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Kong, says this view is out of date. "Hong Kong has a

This may have been true once, but things have changed." Poverty is now home-grown, with immigration. having been reduced to a trickle. The two driving

ous Beijing-appointed bodies. His other recreations include shark-hunting: "I have a shark gun but I haven't been able to catch anything."

in Hong Kong, spending money has become as serious as making it. At the apex of Hong Kong society once stood the colonial governor sent from London, the taipans of British-dominated "hongs" or trading firms. and expat hangers on on expense account contracts. Dominating the cocktail circuit today are local Chinese tycoons and po-litical plenipotentiaries from

Beijing. "People don't have time to waste anymore. They are far | sive things. This is a measure more serious, more business-orientated." said Corinne Djaoui of Cartler Far East. whose job is to track the changing face of Hong Kong's power elite and update her firm's VIP guestlists.

Before it was party, party. party, but now people don't just come to be seen any

leys per capita than anywhere else in the world. "Here the flying lady h the ultimate status symbol and very visible and that is what matters in Hong Kong." says Heigar Grossman, gen eral manager of Inchcape Motors. While the market for or dinary cars slumped by nearly half last year, Rolls-Royce sales slipped less than a quarter. Merchants rejoice at Hong

Kong's high-octane spending and immunity to the inverse nobbery fashionable among European intellectuals. "There is absolutely no shame about having expen-

of your success," said Mrs Djaoui of Cartier. "Here there are no intellectuals. All the smart people are in business here. It is a place where you make money, where you can become very successful very, very quickly if you work hard. That is it.

nore Most Chinese are not so interested in getting their pic-ture in society pages." "There is no pride in being an intellectual: the pride is to be rich. Things are measured differentive hore."

Status symbol . . . Yachts less than 80ft long embarrass rich. The poor have different problems PHOTOGRAPH: DON MCPHEE

Authentic Tang of China is set to conquer world

"I thought that if I invented a brand first, it would always

Jonathan Confino

AVID Tang. the millionaire who counts Prin-Duchess of York among his close friends, is seeking to develop China's first global brand name.

The 39-year-old entrepre neur opened his first branch of the retailer Shanghai Tang 18 months ago in Hong Kong's business district, and is planning to go global later this

The company, which sells classic Chinese designs such as Chairman Mao-style suits in vibrant colours, will open in London. Paris and New York before franchising the idea in other capital cities.

Mr Tang, who also holds the exclusive rights to sell Cuban cigars across the Asia-Pacific region and is honorary consul in Havana, said yesterday: "France has Chanel and there is Italy's Versace. But I suddenly realised there was no Chinese brand which was as politicians such as Margaret Thatcher. famous.

be in front of any that follow and it will be able to ride on the much greater recognition cess Diana and the of China over the next few years." All the products are labelled "made by Chinese" be-cause Mr Tang acknowledges that he cannot change

people's perceptions that any thing made in China is "a bit introduction of a range of imcrappy". Mr Tang has brought in perial porcelain. "The Italians can make porsome heavyweight retailing expertise in the shape of Jocelain better than the Chi-nese, which is ridiculous con-

sidering that it was invented hann Rupert, the Rothmans tobacco heir. Mr Rupert, who helped build the Dunhill, Carhere," said Mr Tang. "I want to redevelop those skills tier and Mont Blanc brands, Mr Tang, who was educated in England and owns a home has bought a 40 per cent stake in the venture. The walls of the stylish

one new business project Hong Kong store. designed to resemble a 1930s Shanshai art every year until he is 50 years deco building, are adorned old. His great ambition is to with framed photographs of challenge Holland's monopoly on the fresh-flower market by supermodels who have been through its doors, including Kate Moss, Cindy Crawford

transforming China into a major grower. "Roses will and Naomi Campbell, as well grow beautifully there," he enthused

Outlook

Roger Cowe

In order to make the brand more authentic, Mr Tang in-tends to open a store in OPE springs eternal but Hopewell may not. It is the Eurotunnel of Hong Kong, a builder of mega-projects that always seem to cast motor take human and at Shanehai and wants to add to the merchandise range which already includes curios such as art deco ashtrays and Red Army watches. Under consideration are excost more, take longer and at-tract fewer customers than otic clothes from other parts of China such as Tibet and Mongolia, and the eventual planned. The result is huge debts — in Hopewell's case, more than HK\$20 billion (£1.7 bill(on).

falling profit There is a difference, which is in Hopewell's favour. It is not a single-project business, as Eurotunnel is. On the other hand, one of Hopewell's 1991 problems is that it has fingers n too many pies.

Many of the pies are in China, where it is creating a in London, plans to develop modern road infrastructure in the province of Guangdong. First, there is the East Superhighway, running up

and around the Pearl river. The first 197 miles, from the border with Hong Kong to the provincial capital. Guangzhou, has been completed but at a cost which looks likely to be double the initial

HK39 billion budget, and a ear late. There were geological prob-

In a recent analysis, the desperately needed to dimin-broker SBC Warburg reckoned that over the 30-year life of Hopewell's rights the company will earn more than HK\$5 billion. That repre-tions are seesonable return on the substance in back it up Pearl river delta. which regulied 48 miles to be built on stilts. The design of the in-terchanges had to be altered sents a reasonable return on the investment. But the short to take account of the fact that term is different. There will there would be heavy bus traffic. The toll systems and be no profit for four years, even assuming that the iniproperty development around the interchanges have yet to tially disappointing traffic flows improve.

Hopewell digs itself into deep debt hole

Such is the fate of big construction projects, as Euro-tunnel knows to its cost. There are plenty more such projects in Hopewell's portfolio.

profit

Managing director Gordon Wu has travelled the region over the past 10 years, agree-ing grand schemes for trans-🔲 Riet protits port and power projects in numerous countries, as well as building hotels and office blocks in Hong Kong. He joked recently that getting

money from the banks to finance such projects is easier than paying it back. And signing the agreement is easier than building the projects. Hopewell has been dubbed Hopeless by frustrated Thai leaders, still waiting for the mass transit project the com-pany is building and which is

st decade Forty years ago. it took a squatter camp fire at Shek Kip Mei to force the govern-ment into welfare provision. Mr Lau, who spent the first years of his childhood in the camp, says: "The fire was terrible. But it made the big people on the hill do something to help us. Maybe we need another fire again." Byen today. spending

money on the poor is diffi-cult, given the prevailing philosophy of self-advance-ment. When Oxfam last year released the first indepth research on poverty, the then financial secretary, Sir Hamish Macleod, made a point of not reading it until at least a week after publication. Oxfam's programme difew days.

rector, Sherman Tang, believes the lack of moral outrage about poverty stems from the colony's history. Today's affluent businessmen, pollticians and civil servants are yesterday's penniless arrivals from

re-equip themselves to work elsewhere, especially the older ones." she vavs. Traditional activities such as fishing and farming have been hit by imports from the mainland, leaving many people in the out-lying islands in poverty. The erosion of the traditional extended family has also left some people in thepoverty bracket.

But only the visible face of the poor provokes any reaction. When two dozen of the 1,200 people living on the street died in a cold snap last month, the news-papers called for action as the usual silence surrounding the problems of the poor was shattered for a

ing all our jobs.'

Mr Lau says that more needs to be done to help people like himself, who try to work. He has no time for beggars. "They are just lazy." He hopes that after 1997. things will improve. "When we are China again, perhaps they will stop tak

China. They have struggled

HK\$6.3 billion next year. And the group needs to raise more than HK\$25 billion to finance planned projects over the

There is only one solution — one which is, fortunately, available to Hopewell because the substance to back it up. Nor is it any use without

the money to turn concepts of its spread of interests. A into reality and, as delays have mounted on Hopewell's plunging share price has ruled out issuing shares to projects, so have debts. At the last year-end, debt was almost raise money, so the answer is asset sales to reduce the debt two-thirds of shareholders' funds and the interest cost mountain and interest costs -As many British businesses consumed HK\$215 million of found when the last recession the HK\$912 million operating began to bite, however, when

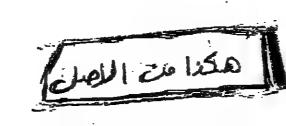
you need to sell something in a buyer's market it is difficult That would be acceptable if to get a satisfactory price. So Mr Wu has discovered anthe tide had turned. But Warburg's analysis concludes that there will be further cash other truism. It is easier to outflows in each of the next declare an intention to sell four years, peaking at than it is to do the deal.

Tomorrow

Play hard: racing at Happy Valley, gambling in Macau - pastimes of the colonial era

Work hard: taking the 6 o'clock commuter 🗄 train to Shenzen, the territory's cut-price 🗁 manufacturing base in China

Plus: the shop window of the Far East



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Ladejo set for sharp angles

Stephen Bierley in Stockholm expects the 400m runner to show both his sides

Athletics

TOCKHOLM's Globe arena, which claims to be the largest spherical building in the world, has all the distant chartu of a nuclear power station and is out of keeping with the rest of this enchanting city, which is bidding for the 2004 Olympic Games. And, for all its futuristic

stamp, the stadium houses an indoor track which belongs to indoor track which belongs to the dark ages of RAF Cosford. Du'aine Ladejo, arguably Britain's best hope for a gold medal in the European Indoor Championships which begin today, took one look at the blue-carpeted boards yester-day and announced that hopes of running a fast 400 metres were nil. Dony metres were nil. "When you are looking

"When you are looking down the straight, the bends seem to be at right angles," he said. "It really isn't up to international standard." This might also be said of the British team, but in Olym-plc year there are artennat-ing circumstances. Malcolm Arnold, Britain's chief coach, was always aware that the majority of the country's top **/isibilit** majority of the country's top athletes would not want to include Stockholm in their buildup to Atlanta and that this would be a chance for others to establish themselves.

For Ladejo, the European indoor and outdoor champion in 1994, Stockholm represents and international restoration after last year was all but

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wiped out by injury. The authorities continue to eye the 25-year-old Londoner, a graduate of Texas Universiwith circumspection, for Ladejo is very much his own man, holding views that are clearly at variance with those whose minds are still encased in blazer and tie. "I want people to be excited about athletics," he said. "I want them to remember what they have This was true of the Kelvin

Hall a couple of weeks ago when, in the 4x400m relay. Ladejo did a passable imitation of Sir Simon Rattle and was duly accused, to the ac-companiment of crashing bores, of being disrespectful to both the French and the body actuation

"Look, there was no way I was trying to belittle the French," he reiterated yesterday. "People in the crowd told ne it was great I had pointed at them with the baton. It is in my nature to do some-thing." And he will do it again — more than likely, although he would never wish to be predictable, on Sunday afternoon, when he should retain his indoor title. The

It is entirely possible that Britain may have struck gold before then, for Bath's Jason Gardener, with his 60m run of 6.55sec in the GB v Russia in-ternational at Birmingham, is currently top of the European

rankings. Gardener has been lightly raced but confirmed his gual-ity, also at Birmingham, when coming third behind. Nigeria's Davidson Ezinwa and Canada's world indoor chaming Putners Suid indoor champion Bruny Surin in the Ricoh International.

The suggestion that the 20-year-old Gardener, a world junior silver medal winner no arguments.

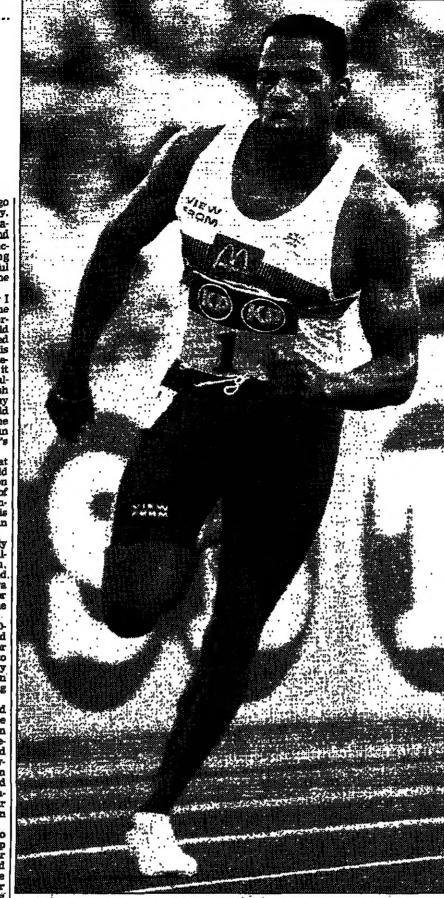
Should he win tonight, and his main rival appears to be Germany's Marc Blume, then the immediate tangible benefit would be that he would gain invitations to the early spring grands prix. He was in the relay squad for the world championships in Gothen-

body athletic.

only European to have run faster this year is Italy's Ashraf Saber.

over 100m, was here merely to gain experience was politely rejected. "The fastest man takes all," he said, brooking

ourg last year. His singular aim this summer is to win an individual place for Atlanta. Ashia Hansen has failed to qualify for the triple jump final in her last three major championships but, provided nerves do not engulf her, she should qualify with ease, her worst jump this winter being



On edge ... Ladejo does not like the look of Stockholm's indoor bends

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Olympic Games Racing

Nebiolo Champion bid still an option strikes for **Right Win** it rich

RIMO NEBIOLO, pres-ident of the Interna-Chris Hawkins tional Amateur Athletic Federation, wearing another hat as head of the Association of Summer **Olympic International Fed**erations, has driven a hard

bargain with the International Olympic Committee to gain a much larger proportion of the IOC's televi-There were no surprise absion and marketing reve-nues from the Games in sentees, although David Els-worth has taken out Oh So Risky, who broke a blood ves-sel at Ascot last time, and Atlanta this summer. Athletics gets the lion's share. The IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch promrelies on Absalom's Lady and Muse. ised an extra \$32 million

Hannon also has Right Win in the Citreon Supreme Nov-(£21 million) to the 26 sports taking part, with sports split into four cateice Hurdle, for which there are still 37 entries, and will gories, based on television decide where to run accord-If the going continues to dry up Hannon may well de-cide to let his six-year-old go audience ratings at the Bar-celona Games, for the dis-tribution of the extra money. This is in addition to the federations' tradifor the Champion as he be-lieves the soft going stopped him at Kempton last time when he was fourth behind tional percentage of Olym-pic television income, which will be \$56.6 million Alderbrook. "Although he liked a bit of give on the Flat, there's a world of difference between

which will be above introdu-in Atlanta. Although Samaranch said the federations were happy with the deal, Ne-biolo revealed that bigger claims were on the way. soft going in the summer and soft during the winter," said There would be further ne-Hannon. gotiations for Sydney in 2000 and the federations A victory for Right Win in the Champion would be the worst result for Coral's who wanted a greater share from 2004 onwards, when the IOC will receive 51 per cent of Olympic revenues, laid the horse heavily after he scored impressively at San-down on his hurdling debut in January.

up from 40 per cent. For Atlanta the 26 sports federations, who each received \$1.446 million in Barcelona, will divide the \$56.6 million standard share equally, each taking \$2.177 million. In addition, athletics will be given \$6.5 million, some 20 per cent of million, some 20 per cent of the extra; soccer, volley-ball, basketball, swimming and gymnastics will net \$2.5 million each and ten-nis, hockey, rowing, hand-ball, cycling and eques-trianism each take \$1 million. The 14 other sports, including boxing. sports, including boxing, will get \$500,000 of the money promised by extra the IOC. Nebiolo saw no danger of

sports feeling they had been divided in a sort of Olympic class system. "The federations are satisfied," RICHARD KILLE he said.

Alderbrook, who could do with some rain, leads the market at evens followed by Danoli at 9-2 and Hotel Min-IGHT WIN has been reintroduced into the Smurfit Champion Hurella at 5-1. They then bet 6-1 Mysilv, 12-1 Collier Bay, an dle betting at 20-1 by Coral's other mudlark, and 20-1 Land after Richard Hannon decided Afar and Mack The Knife. to leave him in at yesterday's five-day declaration stage when 17 stood their ground. Hotel Minella, representing Aidan O'Brien and Charlie

Swan, prefers a decent surface and would be strongly fancied to reverse Irish Champion Hurdle form with Collier Bay who beat him a head in testing conditions at

Leopardstown. The decision of Swan to ride Life Of A Lord in the Martell Grand National rather than ante-post favourite Lo Stregone has not caused too many problems for the latter's trainer. Thomas Tate, who has booked Jamie

Osborne. "Jamie is a super-sub and won on Lo Stregone at New-bury last season, so I'm quite happy," said Tate. Dick Hern was a rare visi-

tor to Wincanton yesterday and those who took the hint were rewarded with an 8-1 winner when his Mutazz wor the opening race.

Hern was inevitably quizzed about the well-being of the 2,000 Guineas favourite Alhaarth and commented: "Tm as happy as I could be with him at this stage. We'll wait and see whether he has a run before the Guineas. It de pends on the ground."

Brooks chaser the class act

MERE CLASS, trained by the latter on his excellent Charlie Brooks, stands third to Sir Leonard and Monout at the weights in today's feature event at Sandown, the icasman over an inadeqaute two miles here last times.

Horse and Hound Grand Mill-At Ayr, Solba (2.20) looks good in the Mad March Hare Novice Chase, while the contary Gold Cup Chase, writes Chris Hawkins. He was pulled up behind Percy Smollett at Ascot last time, but before that ran with front.

great promise when three lengths third to Willsford at (4.20) at Market Rasen. This Sandown. Mere Class (3.10) had Mr former high class chaser is now contesting hunters' Boston 10 lengths behind him in fourth then and meets that rival on 71b better terms this afternoon. The card starts with an in-Ludlow last week.

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at wincanton yesterbay after injuring his shoulder if a tall from Wayfarers Way in the first race. He will not ride at Market Rasen today, but expects to be back at Sandown tomorrow. "My right shoulder is a bit stiff but it's nothing that a bit of physic won't sort out," he said.

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Cricket

Atherton aims to disarm **explosive Sri Lankans**

Mike Selvey in Faisalabad believes that England must meet flair | to counteract extraordinary with flair if they are to win their World Cup guarter-final tomorrow

day that England were last here and the cricketing world ground to a halt. Then, during the 1987-88 tour, Mike Gatting sat on his dignity and the Pakistani umpire Shakoor Rana refused to budge from his assertion that England's captain had been cheating in apparently trying to make a field change quite literally behind his back. For two days the irresistible force met the immovable object.

Until this tournament England had not returned to Pakistan, let alone to this bustling industrial centre a couple of hours' drive from Lahore. Tomorrow, however, they will play Sri Lanka at the Iqbal Stadium for the right to go forward to the semi-final in Calcutta.

There was a time when Sri Lanka, a Test-playing nation for only a dozen years or so, were regarded as the junior members of the international

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COTLAND supporters Swere yesterday granted a further 1,100 tickets for the European Champion ship game against England at Wembley on June 15. There was also good news

for England fans, with the or-ganisers releasing 7,000 more tickets for the match against Holland three days later. The Euro '96 director Glen Kirton revealed the details yesterday as the tournament

T SEEMS like only yester-day that England were long gone and, for the past last here and the cricket three weeks, followers of the terpiece), Ranatunga and Tiltournament have come to regard this astonishing col-lection of cricketers as potenlekeratne. Roshan Mahanama, who opens in Tests, does not get to the crease until the fall of the fifth wicket. They tial World Cup winners. They were ensured a quar-ter-final place with the four have great experience in this form of cricket; all but the openers have played more than 100 one-day internation-als, a landmark passed by only five Englishmen. points forfeited by Australia and West Indies in withdrawing from the group matches in Colombo after the suicide bomb in the capital, but their form in the other qualifying

only five Englishmen. The batting allows the weaker bowling to get by, al-though there is some class with the hugely impressive left-arm pace bowler Cha-minda Vaas and the controgames has been a revelation. They have produced some of the most outrageous batting seen in any of the six World Cups, culminating in a versial off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, who was noworld-record 398 for five balled for throwing during the tour of Australia but seems to be getting through against Kenya on Wednesday. Sri Lanka's game is based upon their batsmen, with the most explosive, uninhibited this competition unscathed.

In particular, the Sri Lankans have turned the innings on its head, treating the first 15 overs, when the bowling side is hamstrung by fielding restrictions, as other teams treat the latter stages after laying down a solid foundation. Mike Atherton reckons early wickets are the key (al-though that is not necessarily the solution; Kenya took their first wicket midway through the seventh over, but by then the score was 83) and to do that he may be prepared to sacrifice reticence for

innovation. New-ball swing would be part of the strategy, although that may be hampered should Dominic Cork's knee injury not stand up to today's fitness test. Yesterday Raymond IIlingworth rated his chances of playing as 50-50. However, Cork's loss would

not be quite the disaster it might have seemed a few months ago. Whether because starts coming from Jayasur-tive some superlative fielding. Kaluwitharana, followed by Gurusinha, Aravinda De Silva (whose century for Kent Silva (who

Cork (left) ... 50-50 chanceDeFreitas ... element of surprise

a feeling that Phil DeFreitos in the interests of keeping the might prove more effective. It is also encouraging to see England's batting remains other side guessing. England's batting remains unsure of itself, with the fine that Darren Gough has been practising his vorker with some vigour. This is his great strength and if he can pro-Robin Smith against Pakistan squandered by the sort of collapses down the order that destroy momentum. Only duce plenty of them Sri Lanka might have a problem: fast inswinging yorkers are noto-riously difficult to hut for six. Graham Thorpe remains con-sistent, and for England to progress further in the com-There will also be some attempt to break up the rhythm of the Sri Lanka innings by petition almost certainly requires a contribution from Graeme Hick. frequent and perhaps unusual

bowling changes - It is not impossible that DeFreitas could turn his hand to off-spin the need for Illingworth to make a decision as to whether could turn his hand to off-spin more to the reality of the situ-ation than tradition. The South African "pinch hitter" should keep wicket. Many still believe that England's Steve Palframan, for example, was allowed to get a flier purely because of England's est number of options, has

reluctance to recognise that the unorthodox nature of his But unless the trump card is strokes required equally un-orthodox counter-measures. Nothing should be excluded and Russell will play.



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Azharuddin ::euv hums up the situation

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David Hopps in Bangalore on India's

simple approach

FTER THREE weeks the World Cup has thrown up the eight qualifiers that had been anticipated and, al courage a greater freedom of though India's meeting with Pakistan at this stage might field, to defend wronged playdeny the sub-continent its fa-voured final, it is a fortuitous outcome at a time when the tournament needs a major stimulus,

Nevertheless the World Cup has already had its moments. The injury to Neil Fair-brother will probably remove Imran Khan, former Test captain and putative politician, managed to appear briefly on Pakistani television while commentating on Pakistan's match against New Zealand. Imran murmured on air that he was surprised his remarks were not censored. No com-ment in this World Cup will

be richer with meaning. Such is West Indies' con-cern over their decline that three Caribbean prime minis-ters have arranged an emergency meeting to discuss the development of a cricket academy and steps to strengthen the sport in schools from nursery age up-wards — ideas much in Aus-

tralian vogue. They seem to have over-looked the English example, which consists of the PM not understand this mood business, I don't understand watching as much cricket at Lord's as possible, and dishup tempo. ing out a steady supply of OBEs, while singularly fail-

ing to arrest the collapse of cricket in the State sector. In India the Pioneer news

paper has seen fit to publish the opinions on the state of English cricket of Rory Bremner, who takes the "sympathetic-celebrity-chummy-with-the-players" standpoint, assures us they are all jolly good chaps and blames much of England's de-

how infantile (and, to some extent, how morbidly English) this futtle debate is. Nothing could be duller, or less germane, than embark-ing upon a defence of Eng-

land's media troupe, which might have some cause to be world weary after a record of 10 defeats in 11 overseas tours, and nine one-day de-feats in their last 10 against Test-standard opposition.

But it is certain that until someone has the will and the imagination to break Eng-land's siege mentality, to eners if necessary and, most importantly, to stop bleating about the unfairness of it all. then fulfilment will be so much harder to find.

Mohammad Azharuddin hums during press confer-ences, a monotonous, tuncless hum. Perhaps Michael Ather-ton could adopt the tactic and try whistling a George Formby number every time he feels the need to call a Pakistant jour nalist a buffoon. When Azharuddin is not

humming, he supplies brief, and often oblique, insights. Inquiries about his plan to defeat Pakistan elicited the reply: "Plan? I have no plan: we want to win. simple," be-fore embarking on an unsuccessful change of key.

Concern about India's "mood", approaching tomor-row's match against Pakistan here, brought a masterful feigning of ignorance "I can-

> all this about mood." As if to emphasise his confidence, his next hum was slightly more

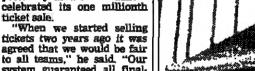
Azharuddin does hope, however, that Pakistan's cap-tain Wasim Akram will have recovered from a side strain suffered while batting against New Zealand, calculating that India will receive little creditfor besting Pakistan without him.

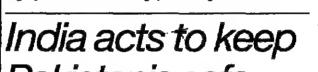
Bremner, who takes the "sympathetic-celebrity-chummy-with-the-players" standpoint, assures us they are all jolly good chaps and blames much of England's de-pression on the perpetual sourness of the travelling media. Here we go again. To be half-removed from England's tribulations is to recognise how infantile (and, to some

against Zimbabwe on Wednesday — his first of the tournament after scores of 127



tickets two years ago it was agreed that we would be fair to all teams," he said "Our







ists 7,000 tickets for every game they played. We said we would be as flexible as we could, bearing in mind the constraints of security and safety, and [Scotland's new allocation of 8,100 is the maximum we could live with." The match is already a sell-

out, along with France v Spain. England v Switzer-land. Holland v Scotland, Portugal v Turkey, Turkey v Denmark, the Anfield quarter-final and the final.

• The Georgian striker Mikhail Kavelashvila — an international team-mate of Georg Kinkladze - has returned to the Russian champions Spartak Vladikavkaz to think over a £1 million move to Manchester City Road, after he trained with the club last

City also hope to land the former Switzerland Under-21 midfielder Guiseppe Mazzar-elli on loan from FC Zurich until the end of the season. The Sheffield United mid-

fielder John Gannon is set to join Oldham Athletic in a £100,000 deal. Huddersfield, are poised to complete the £150,000 signing of the Crewe striker Rob Edwards.

Adrian Heath was yester-day confirmed as manager of Burnley in succession to Jimmy Mullen.

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GOVERNMENT minis A ter sitting just round the corner from Westminster Abbey answered the prayers of Ille Dumitrescu and Marc Hottiger yesterday by granting the two foreigners their work permits. Cheryl Gillan and her Department for Education and Employment have bowed to pressure from within football and from some MPs to execute a U-turn since unequivo-

cally turning down the play-

Over the paper moon . . . Ilie Domitrescu at Upton Park with the work permit that entitles him to play for West Ham tomorrow Photo

Dumitrescu and Hottiger clear to play

Martin Thorpe and Ian Ross

debuts for West Ham and Everton respectively this

ers' applications a month ago | rion. Non-EU players will | Peter Storrie. "Ilie was beside | run of the season over the because they had not met the | now be allowed one move be- | himself when I told him." | past six weeks. criterion of playing 75 per tween British clubs even if cent of first-team club games they have not played 75 per the previous year. Critics ar- cent of first-team games but gued that this overlooked the fact that they were players of proven international class. Now Dumitrescu and Hot- two years prior to the tiger are in line to make their | transfer. West Ham, who agreed to

Everton respectively this weekend, after a recent meet-ing at the DfEE between the ary, are likely to have him on the bench tomorrow. "We are the bench tomorrow. "We are England and Scotland and the players' union. the PFA. agreed to change the crite-club's managing director Both have enjoyed their best

The PFA has been the lead-

The Everton manager Joe Royle, who will include Hoting voice of dissent on the tiger (2750.000 from Newcas issue, expressing worry at the tle) in his starting line-up, was also "delighted" but said: number of foreign players taking the jobs of home-"Marc should not have been grown talent. Its spokesman put through this anxiety. We Brendon Batson gave the said all along he was a proven international. He has been change a cautious welcome.

"It is a compromise that meets the needs, at the modevastated by the whole afment, of the people involved in football. All we said is that, fair, living with the fear that his career in England could be over. if there is a criterion, it should

be adhered to. We were party to the agreed change and are happy with it."

Pakistanis safe

ORE then 500 has turned out, if Pakistan policemen are ring-ing the stadium in reach the semi-finals they will go to Calcutta. Bangalore where India will We were quite horrified

play Pakistan in a World Cup quarter-final tomorby these threats," the ministry spokesman said. When Thackeray first

row, and during the game 1,000 more will be deployed threatened two months ago inside the ground. not to allow Pakistan to The measures have been play in India he said he was responding to reported remarks by Imran Khan, the taken because the Pakistan foreign ministry asked In-dia to provide adequate former Pakistan captain. protection for its players because of past threats made by the leader of the that playing against India was like a jihad (holy war). He repeated the threat to the correspondents of many right-wing Hindu Shiv Sena party, Bal Thackeray. newspapers in Bombay, but has been silent for a few weeks while recovering A ministry spokesman said Pakistan had taken

"serious notice" of com-ments by Thackeray, who has often been quoted by from bypass surgery. Bangalore's police chief Tirumala Srinivasalu said yesterday that "all precau-tions" had been taken. Of Indian and Pakistani news-

papers as saying he would not allow the Pakistan the 500 policemen so far involved, 200 were specifi-cally trained in anti-riot team to play in India. As the team arrived in India on Wednesday, news-papers back home quoted an Indian newspaper, the Chandigarh Tribune, as operations. Tomorrow, he added, the stadium gates would be guarded by the Border Sereporting that Shiv Sena units had already been curity Force, a paramili-tary unit that is also dedirected not to allow Paki-stan to enter the Mohali ployed in the northern state of Jammu-Kashmir to ground if they qualified for the semi-final there on ground if they qualified for the semi-final there on March 14 — though as it any chances," he said.

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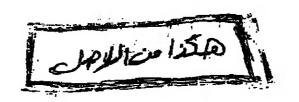
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 Wachter 973; 3, Eril 934, Mestons Cop standingss 1, Austra 10,574pts; 2 Swn-zerland 6 678, 3, Raly 6,714. super-middleweight title. Wharton was due to make Of course the saviour of be concentrating on manage-ment, selection and coaching Billiards the fixture will come under his union's jurisdiction with chemotherapy only two weeks ago and does not feel English cricket has less need of wit and sparkle than a telehis third defence against Frederick Seillier of France UK CHAMPIONSHIP (Wigan): Final & Russell (Eng) & D Causier (Eng 1690-1277, policies within the senior vision commentator, which is just as well for Acfield, ready for competitive play. England framework." but Duff wants nothing to Acfield expects to recruit a Bowls **Rugby Union** threaten his man's status as exercised a disciplinary brief hough both jobs may require working party of between six HOME INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION-SHIPS (Auchinics): England 119, Wales 113 (Eng lins): G Smith bi O Whi-kms 22-13: G Markow bi R Weale 24-18, A the WBC's leading contender The former All Black John over a match played under RL a certain insight into the and eight people, drawn from Fixtures to the new champion Sugar rules since the split into two codes in 1895. Gallagher is set to make his first-team debut for Blackgame. If he possesses this quality, the Essex chairman different areas of experience. Luna (Spi), G Haiph, E Ostada (Fr, P N)-man (Swa), 74 B Marchbank, S Walson, J Heggarty, Mi Macchanica, G Brand Jrr; R Wessels, SA); R C Chapman; R Muntz (Neth); M Wills, P Systam (Swor G Chai-mers (Aus), M Litton; C Casselic; T Gogele (Gor), A Langonaeken (Bei), O Sellborg (Swei); N Fasth (Swei) F Valera (So) E Darcy; S Tinning (Osen); D A Russelt; T Banchin (Fri; J Mellor, M Brier (Aut); L White; J Hawksworth Boy Malinga. June 32-12: G Hierber in R Weals 24-16. A Alicock tast to J Price 20-C2: D Ward loct to 5 Reps 14-22: A Thomson bi J Groom-lade 22-16; J Bell tast to N Leigh 17-19. Sectimal 196, Ireland 104 (Scot Irist), R McCalloch of S Wylle 25-14. J Micr bi R McCallo 28-15. R Provan bi S Adamson 22-17. W Wool lost to R Batterstyr 16-27: G Robertson lost to G McCloy 15-17: A Hisrahall bi S Mylan 30-18. and probably including past and present England officials. This is the second time heath against Rosslyn Park was keeping it hidden at yes-7 30 unless stated) Skiing Wharton has fought his way to the WBC No.1 berth. He Soccer tomorrow. terday's press conference. "My view is that you only "Although of course I only have initial thoughts at the The local favourite Ingeborg learn things by talking to LEAGUE OF WALES: Inter Cardat v Entry Bowis was beaten by Benn in his first crack at that title and 10 Helen Marken recorded her people, and I want to speak with people who are not just England's hope of a first first World Cup win of the moment," he finally revealed, **Rugby Union** months later he lost to Chris "I think it's fair to say that we season in the last women's home international indoor involved with England now torshall bt 5 Moran 20-18. NONEN'S ALL ENGLAND INDOOR SHU TENNENTS CHAMPIONSKIP super-giant slalom in Lille-Eubank in a World Boxing Tennis WOMEN'S ALL ENGLAND INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Southampton) Singless First rounds Minuloy bit John-son 21-20; DiBitchell bit A keNam 21-18; Minulet bit Di Kenedik 21-17; Bitzehl bit P Peachey 27-16; B Vincent bit A Ander-son 21-11; J Baker bit A Burgers, 21-10; K Haures bit P Punk 21-5; B Becom bit Gasen 21-2; Quarter-Finale: Singless Bitchell bit Int. 21-15; Hasen 1: fin 31: 1-13; Baker bit Vincent 21-10; Brown bit Network 21-11; Unbadged parts: Diss 1: title since 1990 was boosted might come up recommendbut who have been in the past?" Organisation challenge. Duff's European bantam-weight champion Johnny Ar-mour has an infected hand and his defence against the Dane John Bredahl in Copen-hagen has been postponed from March 29 to April 26. hammer yesterday. Inspired yesterday by a 119-113 victory ing just tinkering, or it might "I don't think we should be by her compatriot Lasse Kjus, over Wales in Auchinleck. By be multiple surgery." Acfield, a former Essex offafraid in the next few months **Rugby League** who won the last men's down-hill on Wednesday, the 21halfway England were comof asking questions about ALLIANCE CUP: Somi-finals Warringto fortably ahead 60-43 but Wales hit back to take a 10-point lead before England ralspinner and British sabre how other countries run their y Fratherstone Ryrs year-old Marken produced a champion, has been apnational teams. There might Basketball faultless run on the Kvittjell point lead before England ral-lied over the last few ends to snatch their six-shot win. BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Hemel v London Thirtrealer v Birmingham (S.C., Newars Thirt Sheffert 13 Di piste to win in 1min 23.18sec from Katia Seizinger of Ger- | snatch their six-shot win. from March 29 to April 26.



harudding The Guardian Friday March 8 1996 Motor Racing Richard Williams reports from Melbourne on the formidably speedy Formula One progress of the young Indyces on Villeneuve fast to challenge

Villeneuve's Wil-itams-Renault disappear down the pit lane in a wash of noise. "I mean, if you're going to be fast, you're fast straight wond de rash you're sol to be fast, you're fast straight

away. "If you go out there and do decent lap times and don't bend the car and improve gradually, you'll never be really, truly quick. If you're quick and you bend the car a gradually, you'll never be really, truly quick. If you're quick and you bend the car a lot, it doesn't matter. You can always learn to stop bending the car. But you can't learn to e quick You either are or always learn to stop bending the car. But you can't learn to be quick. You either are or you aren't.

the many opinions expressed in recent weeks about Ville-neuve, the 24-year-old French-Canadian driver who makes Canadian driver who makes his grand prix debut in Aus-tralia this weekend and has been the object of intense scrutiny and speculation in the run-up to the season. But yesterday when he took his car out on to Melbourne's Al-bert Park circuit for the first time, the son of the late Gilles Villeneuve gave the firmest of Villeneuve gave the firmest of hints that he will be a factor in this year's championship. The day's two sessions were arranged to allow the drivers to familiarise themselves

His manner and his off-duty 'high grunge' wardrobe will make him a box office asset

with the brand-new track. In that sense, it was the only time this year that Villeneuve could start a meeting on equal terms with the likes of Damon Hill and Michael Schu-nacher. And at the end of two hours of practice, on a track still slippery with dust, the rookie had the fastest time ---a clear second ahead of Hill in the other Williams.

On paper, since qualifying does not take place until tomorrow, it counted for

Villeneuve now knows he France for Damon, in Canada can do it. And so do his rivals, none more than Hill, who left this weekend to cheer Damon

He is in with a chance be-

cause he finds himself in the best car in the field, thanks to the enthusiastic support of

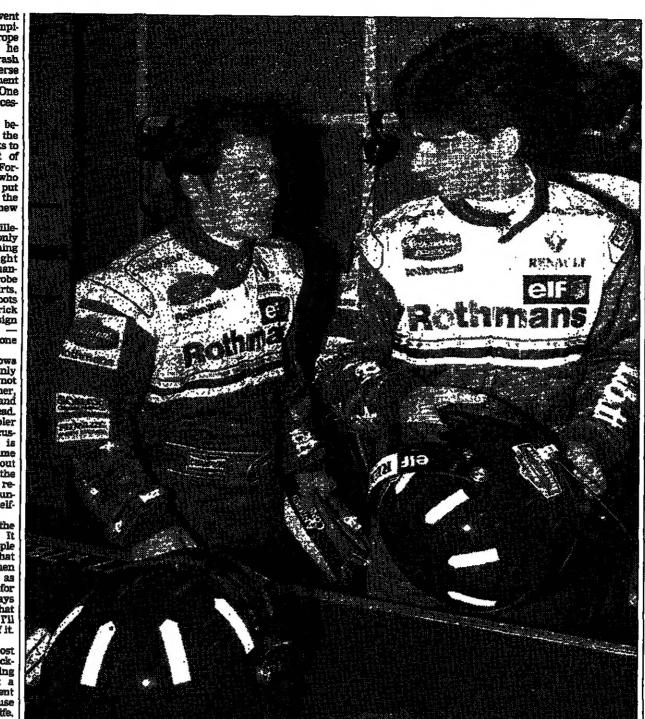
the quick. You either are or ou aren't." In Ecclestone's view. Ville-neuve is potentially the only driver capable of matching Schumacher in a straight fight. His quick, bright manner and his off-duty wardrobe — a mixture of plaid shirts, jeans and Timberiand boots accurately defined by Patrick Head, the Williams design chief, as "high grunge" — will make him, as Ecclestone bood a box office accut

will make him, as Ecclesione hoped, a box-office asset. No one yet really knows how he will cope. The only certainty is that he does not much resemble his father, who raced with his heart and soul but rarely with his head. Jacques seems a much cooler and more calculating customer. Nevertheless he is having to cope with the same barrage of questions about his father that he faced on the IndyCar circuit, when his responses showed him to be uncommonly sensible and selfaware.

"I'm used to it," he said the "I'm used to n," he said the other day. "It's normal. It doesn't disturb me. People want to ask. And I'm sure that if I were doing their jobs then I'd want to ask about that as well. So I just answer it for the thousandth time, always saying the same thing: that I'm my father's son, and I'll always be, and I'm proud of it. But I'm on my own road."

He may not carry a ghost around with him in the cockpit, but he shares one thing with his new team-mate: a father who was an infrequent presence around the house and with whom, even in life, he had an equivocal relation-ship, Curiously, both Bette Hill and Joann Villeneuve en-couraged their sons to follow their late husbands' example,

nothing. In the mind, it meant everything. Villemeuve now knows he France for Damon, in Canada



A quick word . . . Villeneuve (left) and Hill prepare to launch the Williams-Renaults around Albert Park STEVE HOLLAND

you don't want to talk to. I | all right. We haven't com- | of it. Everything is pushed to don't have event to take to pared notes on our cars, but "The team seems the same as the ones I raced with in Japan and America. Normal people, very open, with a good crary worrying about that be one in Everything is pushed to the limit. You get more new and pieces. "So it's probably easier to lose your way. But on the

Watching him in constant conference around the Wil-

liams pit with his manager Craig Pollock, a 40-year-old half-Scot, half-Swiss who was once his ski instructor, these troduced on July 1. The refer ee will not (yet) be allowed to watch a replay of the incident

SPORTS NEWS 15



Extra time Edited by Jeremy Alexander Jumper caught in tug of kudos

LINA ASTAFEI is due to represent Germany in the high jump in the European Indoor Champi-onships in Stockholm this weekend. She could fairly expect to do the same in the Olympics in Atlanta; she won silver in last year's world championships. But it is not so simple. In 1992 she won silver in last year's world championships. But it is not so simple. In 1992 she

compensation. "This country has to train 10.000 sportsmen at enormous expense to find one that will be an Olympic madefilier. is not so simple. In 1992 she won Olympic silver for Rom-ania. There is a tug of kudos. Astafei. 26, was born in Bucharest, is married to a Romanian volleyball inter-national and represented Romania until she refused medallist. Romania spent a million marks [£450,000]

Romania until she refused to compete at the 1994 European Indoor Champi-onships. She had moved to Germany the previous player Irina Spirlea, and year, after her brother had accuses both of deserting been shot dead in a demon-stration in Bucharest in Romania. The minister has yet to say how much money 1989. The Romanian Ath-letic Federation suspended he wants but is angry at As tafei's success abroad: "it's her for three years. Now the RAF is complinot fair the rich could steal

the poor's work." Heiner Henze, head of the ant. It cut short the ban in Hellier Henze, head of the German NOC, said yester-day that no money would change hands but "we have talked to their NOC and will talk again". He men-tioned sports development programmes. This satisfied time for her to win the world indoor title for Germany last year; she had the new passport. The Romanian Olympic ier. Regulations prevent her from competing at Olympic level within three Azerbaijan when the gym-nast Valery Belenki moved recently to Germany.

> RICKET's World Cup has all three host countries. A Sri Lankan umpire has been reported for distracting bats-

men in the club match be-tween Kandy and Kalutara last Saturday; he was listen-ing to Sri Lanka v India on the radio. Monday had been declared a holiday for govern-ment workers in Madras so waving play on if a fouled ment workers in Madras so player's team remain in pos-they can watch the quarter-session, the referee would be final against Pakistan; but allowed to let play continue as in rugby, sometimes 15 seconds, before calling play Saturday week. Bookmakers back and awarding the free-kick if insufficient advantage in Karachi say business is thriving, with the minimum stake 1,000 rupees (£16); the Islamic faith forbids betting. has accrued. The idea comes from the FA and could be in-

KENYA's president got the message eventually and responded with one. Having

only one of the 11 coupons that had 12 correct results out

of 13 had Salernitana down to

Sixth columa IFA's international board, meeting in Rio de Janeiro tomorrow, will consider formalising and extending the advantage rule. Instead of just

Committee is proving stick-

years of taking new citizen-

the road twice during the day. Runner-up in the championstuff. I just try to do my job." At the moment he is more other hand, when you can't do not look like men accuson; Joann is at home in Mosense of humour. It's not like Fifa is making its own initially overlooked last a acts to ke naco, where Jacques grew up. Before he arrived here this week Villeneuve had comthey say in the press about Formula One, where every-one is mean and always putfind your way you have more things to try." to being satisfied with putting recommendation to speed up play. It is another wheeze Indies, Daniel arap Moi caship in the past two seasons, with 13 wins in 51 races, Hill mcerned with the technical Indies, Daniel arap Moi ca-bled the team "overjoyed by the news of your victory over the world's most feared team". He showed his under-standing of the world game by rating the performance "the best in the African continent above the Felbhari" and me from rugby: leaving spare balls around the ground to save waiting for the one in the crowd. Tried in the under-His aspirations for the seaup a good show. Such an air of self-confidence among new lifferences than the cultural went to bed contemplating the possibility that his best shot at the title is under threat ting pressure on the drivers and playing games. "This is how it should be. ones. "Formula One is a step pleted more than 5,000 miles son are not pitched too high, istants sate higher on the technical side," he said. "There's a lot more lations allow you to make use and it's a great team." back up the said up to back up the said ock's he said. "It's a great engine." back up the said up to the said. "It's a great engine." back up the said up to the said. "It's a great team." of testing with the new car. but it was noticeable at Esto-Everybody has to trust every-body else. Otherwise nothing good can be accomplished. And to me, up to now, it looks ril two weeks ago that he and Hill did not spend much time from his own team-mate. 17 world championships in A lot of people were de-Ecuador, with hosts of ball-boys, it raised the actual playlighted to see the name Ville-neuve back at the top of the together. Some observers, always alert to the first signs of above the Kalahari" and rec-ognised it as "not a fluke". Kenya lost by 144 runs to Sri ing time from 60 minutes to timing sheets. Eleven years old when his father, the bestdisruption, connected this like a big family." 78. out of 90. Schumacher soon has the new Ferrari firing When he tested with the team at Silverstone last year. with Hill's attempt during the winter to claim undisputed loved driver of his era, died in OUR ice hockey players at the University of Monc-Lanka in their next match. agent and a MICHAEL Schumacher's public protestations that he has little chance of a third successive Formula One title this season were itile this season were the impact was mutual. "They didn't treat me like a kid who could be put in the a Ferrari at Zolder in 1982, No. 1 status within the team, Moi was particularly grati-194 - F. C. S. S. and Villeneuve's crisp dis-missal:--"There's no way I would race as a No.3," he said Frank Williams, as ever, fied by the team's composi-tion, 'now 90 per cent indige-Jacques started his own racton, New Brunswick, have been suspended and an assising career in Italian Formula tant coach fired after the ref-eree awarded the University potential of producing a Three. A year in Japanese Formula 3000 was followed by rormina 3000 was followed by said Frank Williams, as ever, infrown away. Everybody was one fifth this season were fill Kenault-engined Wil-a move to the United States, where a good season in For-mula Atlantic prefaced a switch to IndyCar. In his IndyCar rookie year haven't seen anything bad. For haven't seen anything bad. You hang out with who you want to hang out with, and season he won it, after a ter you don't talk to the people guy. Everything seems to be Villeneuve was a second faster than Hill around the of Prince Edward Island an overtime goal. A throng of players backed the referee lar to we Africans". That en constru-8.27-mile Albert Park city-1986 - 11 T centre circuit, although Hill and his lawyers were into a corner and started throwing punches. Witnesses should be wee Africans. we get 144 A. 19 1. 19 said he was speared twice in the groin. A team official was APUNTER in Italy was one minute from a fortune distracted by a row over insurance clauses in his FIA seen uprooting a metal net last weekend when the refer-mooring and hurling it es called of the match be-through the rink's protective tween Foggia and Salerni-"super licence". tween Foggia and Salerni-tana. The pitch invasion was not started by bookmakers. CONI, which oversees the Totocalcio pools system, said lass. A spokesman said:

Golf

Seve still seeks Herron soars as Faldo flops the sweet spot 77 threatens a missed cut, girlfriend Brenna Cepelak felt that his swing was "nearer good than bad" Sandy Lyle, unusually,

Michael Britten In Rabat

LUS ca change, plus c'est la même chose. Despite new clubs, a new caddie and fresh optimism, the guif between Seve Ballesteros and the cream of the PGA European Tour remains a chasto.

The Spaniard's first round

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of the 1996 season was a rep-lica of his last of 1995. His 78 that a player stays in positive here when the Moroccan mood. Seve is too good not to Open began yesterday left him 10 shots behind Peter Hedblom and facing a struggle for survival today. Ballesteros's return to the PGA European Tour at Royal Dar es Salam after five yards the late starters bene-months of self-imposed exile fited from warm sunshine. contained so many echoes of his defeat at Oak Hill by Tom

Lehman that it was also a tented with three putts at the case of défà vu. Once again he 15th and 17th that prevented spent more time in the trees him beating par, but Hed-than on the fairways, and he blom, an exuberant 25-yearfound the greens just as | old Swede who twice finished

He hit only five in regula-tion, and the only birdie to appear on his six-over-par Birdies were also plentiful card arrived as a result of a 15 foot putt at the 9th, his last | Raymond Russell, the Swede hole.

'It was the best score possible the way I played," he shrugged. "I have no confi-dence and I hit the ball all over the place. My clubs can't find the middle of the clubwin a cheque. face any more."

Ballesteros's only consolation was the encouragement he received from his partner Wayne Westner, who has won three times in South Africa this year. "Don't count Seve out yet."

turn it round."

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he declared. "He has been through a slump and it is just Eagle Trace club near here in Florida yesterday. that he is a little bit negative at the moment. Golf is a game Herron is in his first sea-

where you hit more bad shots son on the US professional tour but played in the 1993 Walker Cup at Interlachen, Minnesota when the Americans prevailed 19-5. He won all his three matches,

Even the weather turned sour on Ballesteros. A midday beating Padraig Harringstorm quietened a boisterous ton in the singles, but until yesterday that was the exwind, and although it left the course playing its full 7,350 tent of his international success. His 62 ties the

course mark set by Dan Ian Woosnam, the tourna Pohl in 1989 but, as it contained 26 putts, was also a good ball-striking round. ment favourite, was discon-"I had heard this place was brutally hard," said Herron, adding, as if it were an everyday occurrence, that "when you putt well, these scores happen". runner-up in 1994, had little His round was the more

Birdies were also plentiful for the Scottish newcomer remarkable for the fact that much of it was compiled in a brisk breeze that severely troubled the other Joakim Gronhagen and Marc Farry. The Frenchman's 69 helped to lift his depression competitors. The 1989 Open champion Mark Calcavec-chia, for instance, felt he after spending \$8,000 to play in the tour's first five tournahad played "pretty damned ments in Asia, Australia and good" for his 67, the morn-South Africa but failing to ing's second-best score.

in Coral Springs and was "just a smidgin out". But with water haz-IM HERRON, a 26year-old from Minne-apolis whose claims to ards on 16 holes, he now needs a near-miraculous fame are sketchy indeed, produced an extraordinary recovery if he is to be competing over the weekend.

10-under-par 62 to take a substantial early lead in the Honda Classic at the Analysing his round in a detached and welcome fashion, Faldo concluded that he had been pulling his second shots and had missed four greens on the left. Asked whether, in his usual workaholic fashion, he would be practising all afternoon, he said he would

nore likely be trying to sleep it off. 'I had to be up at 5am for the pro-am and 6am for this round, and I'm tired," said the man whose 21-year-old

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Even Nick Faldo, whose Lyle ... I'll take my 70

had a distracted look about

Paul Fitzpatrick him on Wednesday and was ST HELENS sprang a major Surprise yesterday when they named Alan Hunte, their Const Britain attacan in the not his normal communicative self. It turned out that he was wondering where his game had gone because, after a promising start to the year with a top-10 and top-20 finish, he had lost nes at Wigan. timing and confidence.

But overnight he found a little of both and it was sufficient to get him round in 70. "I think I've been prac-tising too much." he said. "My muscles are sore after trying out about a dozen drivers. I wasn't looking forward to the first round because I was hitting the ball so poorly, but I'll certainly take a 70.

The official tour stats

driver. He is averaging 280 yards off the tee, comfortably in the "immense" catewhich he aims.

John Daly, who averages 289 yards off the tee, was playing immediately be-hind Faldo and attracted his usual crowd of roisterers and rednecks, intent on seeing him belt the ball out David is on the substitutes' of sight. He managed this often enough to get to two under par by the turn, despite distractions such as a

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chair blanket, but later dropped a shot for a 71.

Great Britain winger, in the side for tomorrow's Challenge Cup semi-final against Wid-Hunte. Saints' leading scorer in five of the past six

seasons, has undergone a major reconstruction of his left knee and has not played since the Premiership Trophy game at Leeds last May. He replaces the teenager Joey Hayes, who suffered hamstring damage in the win over Salford in the previous round and declared himself

unfit. Otherwise the side remains the same. support Lyle's search for a The Saints coach Shaun McRae insisted he was not

gambling by playing Hunte in the starting line-up. "We have gory, but is hitting only 61 had Alan tested vigorously per cent of the fairways at and he has had no problems whatsoever," he said. The Hulme brothers, David

and Paul, return for Widnes. Paul, who comes into the pack, plays his first game since the league match with bench after playing only once since November, when he suf-fered a head injury.

The Challenge Cup final on mobile phone that rang from under a baby's push-April 27 is already approaching a sell-out with more than 50,000 of the 77,000 available tickets already gone

Rugby League

The university views their conduct as incompatible with our educational mission." Saints take DAVID STRANG, Britain's European indoor 1500 risk on Hunte metres champion two years in semi-final

win. They were leading 3-1. The lost prize was 12 billion lire (£5 million), which would ago, runs from pillar to post. No sooner did he overcome visa problems in the United have been a record. States by marrying Ginny from Washington than he OUIS LUYT, Sarfu's presi-dent, has probably lost the springbok with the chief execnoved to Johannesburg in November for sun and altiutive whose sacking was reported here last week. His tude in his build-up to the Olympic 800m trials here in June. Strang was born in Glasgow and brought up in autocratic act is seen as the last nail in the springbok's cof-South Africa. After training well with Ezekiel Sepeng he went away, fin. The Emblem Commission of the National Sports Council

said yesterday the springbok represented racial privilege walking a friend's elephants from the apartheid era. It recommends the King Protea in Eastern Province, and contracted tick fever. Recovery can take months. In any case as the new emblem. THE NSC Atlanta may not let him in. will decide on March 30. Having won the Games, it has WO Australian sailors who won the Tornado

abandoned the Olympic prin-ciple of entry to all and banned 14 three-day event horses that have tested positive for piroplasmosis. The disease is tick-borne.

bronze in the last Olympics in Barcelona are heading for court before Atlanta. One is at odds with the other. John Forbes, with a new crew, has asked the New South Wales Supreme Court to rule on the validity of the Australian Yachting Federation's selection process. which gave his former part-

ner Mitch Booth the nod. Booth had different pariners in the two qualifying events. Forbes says this invalidates Booth's claim and the AYF has strayed from its criteria. There had been earlier dissension when Booth arranged to meet Forbes at the latter's boatyard to collect gear which belonged to him. Booth found the place locked and no Forbes, so he nipped over the fence and took his mast. A charge of trespass is in the

offing



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MORE TROUBLE IN THE WEST INDIES CAMP

Lara sparks mew row

David Hopps on the latest thunderbolt from the World Cup's stormiest team

RIAN LARA has become embroiled in another damag-ing West Indian an Indian magazine article al-leged that he had indulged in an extraordinary denunciation of his team-mates and the management after their shock World Cup defeat against

tape of Lara's outburst in which the batsman accuses West Indies of bad manage-

ment and poor team spirit. More contentiously. Lara is further quoted as saying that West Indies' defeat against Kenya, the greatest shock in World Cup history, "wasn't that bad" because the opposition were black. To lose to South Africa, one of the favourites and West Indies opponents in the quarter-final, and still predominantly a white-based side, would be a different matter

"a different matter altogether". Only 48 hours after West Indies salvaged considerable self-respect by defeating Aus-tralia in Jaipur, so gaining a place in the last eight, they are again in disarray. Richle Richardson has resigned as captain effective after the captain effective after the World Cup, Andy Roberts has been sacked as coach, and Wes Hall, the tour manager, had already indicated that he would not be continuing in

his post. Now this, Lara, the most talented batsman in the world, tempo-rarily walked out of West

Lara is assuredly no racist, and even Bahal yesterday pre-ferred to depict his comments as "banter" rather than sug-gesting that they possessed any racist overtones. But it is Lara's alleged condemnation of the West Indies set-up which will cause most anger in the Caribbean.

Yeah, there are problems in the team." Lara supposedly remarked. "Some of us don't even talk to some of the others. It's that bad ... Our grys just stick in their rooms. "If you have a good team but a bad management, you can maybe get along. But if you have a bad team and a Kenya. Aniruddha Bahal, principal correspondent of Outlook riaims he has a out some of this shit."

Richardson, Hall and Lara, hardly a trio made in heaven, had a tense dinner together on Tuesday evening. Before practice yesterday Lara withstood a lecture from Hall at the Ashok Hotel in Delhi. And a West Indies official, invited to defend Lara, exploded that he had no wish to do anything

of the sort. Lara, in transit in Delhi be fore travelling to Karachi for the quarter-final, telephoned London yesterday to speak to his lawyers and agent. The upshot of that was a refusal to comment.

However, his agent, Jona-than Barnett, said Lara denied the South Africa remarks: "It is not a quote from Brian. He's made it up. Brian is the least racist man in the world. "T have just spoken to Brian about it and he denies it. He

said: 'I was asked if that was our worst defeat and I said no, that was when South Africa knocked us out of the World

Cup in '92'." Vinod Mehta, Outlook's editor, stood by his reporter, al-though he doubted whether



Foot in mouth . . . Lara could be in further trouble for criticising management and team-mates PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKING

Super League goes to war

Paul Fitzpatrick on the day rugby league's The ARL, having won the legally represented yesterday. power factions indulged in a verbal slugfest

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Australian Super League, yes-terday sought to extend the ban worldwide. If that were as seems certain, cannot start there. Arthurson dismissed the plan, outlined in an Austra-March 29 and the 287 million that dur 40, Australian Super League, yes-been there we might have been ambushed, with our game seriously threatened. As it is, our QC objected strongly to the ARL's outra-geous request and we have every confidence in Justice bat the sport is due to Burchett to reject this com-

Crazy call for Botham is a cry for help



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NGLAND's cricket is beginning to resemble a murder mystery. A game of Cluedo, even. Did Raymond Illingworth do it in the dressing room with a piece of lead piping? Did Mike Atherton do it in the committee room with a candlestick? The Test and County

Cricket Board's spring meeting came up with no solutions at Lord's this week. Nothing new there. But at least it did not respond to the latest piece of numbskull thinking to come from the World Cup camp. Many of England's senior cricketers, we are told, would like Ian Botham to replace Illingworth as manager after the World Cup. This would suggest that they have not only forgotten how to play the game but are also a green pep-per short of a chicken jalfrezi. Since his retirement in 1993 Botham, through his televi-sion appearances and his various newspaper columns, has said nothing to challenge the opinion that everything he really knows about cricket could be written on a frog's ear with space to spare. England's

recent performances may be enough to make those of us on Sky-vigil kick the cathode tube and head for a darkened room with a good bottle and a Leonard Cohen tape, but Botham is pot the answer. As a player the man was a colossus. Opponents, who liked him as much as they

feared him, discovered that a cricket match is never over until the fat man swings. As recently as 1992, during the last World Cup, he beat Aus-tralia almost single-handedly. Then 36, and with the umpires looking younger every day, he

Compton, Garry Subers and Ted Dexter, all of whom knew much more about Timeform than about Wisslen Compton says Dermoi Reeve cannot play, which is to miss the point entirely about Revie's cricket. Sobers's idea of cap-taincy was to beat a team all on his own, and Dexter, hrave and brilliant, who barred like a young infantry officer charging into the Somme with a fist ful of Brooke and a posthumous VC on his mind. preferred to talk about colf and astrology when he was chairman of selectors David Gower was the worst captain on the county circuit and in charge of England he was a disaster Fred Trueman. England's best post-war fast bowler, hardly illuminates the game's mysteries with his head-shaking splutterings --"I don't know what's going off out there" — on radio. This is only a wild guess, but Mozart was probably a

duffer at runing the plano and Shakespeare a dead loss when it came to explaining the difference between defining and non-defining clauses. The great do not always need to think deeply about what they are doing. In cricket one gets more sense out of limited play-ers such as Illingworth and Geoff Boycott, who had to think about it a great deal.

"SOURCE close to the England camp" tells us that Botham is "brilliant at getting players going". Yet he did not get many players going as cap tain of Somerset and England In 1981, his most famous summer, England lost the first Test under his captaincy He then got a pair at Lord's and jumped before he was pushed by the selectors so that he could concentrate on what he

did best. Ian Chappell, when asked what the older Botham could defer Freeland, replied: "He could show the youngstors how to roll a joint, but that's about all."

England under filingworth may appear to be heading towards another brave new dusk, but the problems run deep. Old Illy has forgotten

more about this came than the

gifted Botham ever knew. Botham should be left to

Indies' tour of England last summer after a row with Richardson and then took a elf-imposed sabbatical from the international game. He has now become involved, however unwarily. in an incident that threatens to destroy | so many in the dressing room West Indies' morale just as it at the time who will back him was showing fleeting signs of recovery. unburden himself."

cials from Britain and Australia there was a tape: "Obviously traded insults and a judge in we would not make all this up. We have sanitised some of Sydney considered an application to have Super League his more virulent remarks. hanned worldwide. Ken Arthurson, the Austra-lian Rugby League's execu-"There is so much detail in the story that I don't think Mr Lara will deny it. There were

tive chairman, led the abuse by pouring scorn on the Rugby Football League's proposal to set up a competition in Australia if Super League,

promote blanket sales in Alaska. Just look at their record: in 100 years the English Rugby League has succeeded in expanding the game no further than its origins of Yorkshire and Lancashire. "They have plenty of nerve | dispute today. The RFL

if they are going to try some-thing like this. I don't think people will fall for it. It's just another one of their [World Super League] tricks."

A spokesman for the Rugby League responded by branding the ARL "sinister".

lian court yesterday, as that the sport is due to Burchett to reject this con-"laughable", adding that he receive from News Corpora-doubted whether "they could tion over the next five years Paul Harrison, the RFL's would be jeopardised. The ARL seems bent on

media manager, said: "Per-haps now people will realise grinding Super League out of just how sinister the ARL can be. How can they claim to have the good of the game at existence wherever it rears its head. Justice James Burchett is expected to hand down his final orders on the heart when they propose actions which would effectively kill off rugby league which is confident that he will reject the ARL's applica-tion, is certain to go back to outside Australia?

"When you consider the new-found enthusiasm for the court should be grant it. Maurice Lindsay, the English game's chief execu-tive, was relieved that the European Super League was game in France. Fiji and else-where, such an attitude is to be deplored."

Botham was a great player. That is all. So were Denis Nore rugby league, page 15

took four wickets in seven balls for no runs and then struck a violent 53. It was a roar from an extinct volcano.

"Having no talent is no longer

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not enough either.

ET why is extravagant reside in affectionate memor sporting talent so often mistaken for - and, on A Question Of Sport, getting the cricket ques some deep and mysti-cal understanding of the game? The wickedly funny tions wrong and giving bonus points to his rival captain Bill Beaumont. Remember the American critic Gore Vidal, time when Botham was asked which bowler took all 16 wick-ets in 1994? in one of his recent canisters of literary laughing gas, said:

He did not know. "Richard Johnson of Middlesex." said enough." But having genius is David Coleman. "Richard who?" asked our dumbfounded hero.

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Wainwright was **Guardian Crossword No 20,595** Set by Rufus target say Scots "If anybody wanted to Robert Amstrong target players in this Scot-tish side then there are COTLAND last night only one or two that are Saccused the England rugby team of "targetvital to us winning or los ing, and Rob [Wainwright] certainly comes into that their captain Rob Wainwright, who was in-jured in last Saturday's incategory. "He was just a passenger for most of the game. We thought about replacing ternational and is still suffering from concussion. him but he is such a vital player that the hope was al-ways there that he would recover. I still adhere to the On Wednesday a Five Nations disciplinary com-mission cleared the England prop Jason Leonard of punching Wainwright durview that Leonard commit-ted an act of foul play." ing the Calcutta Cup match. Scotland immediately reg-Twickenham, who made sure Leonard was as well prepared as possible to answer the charge, con-sider the matter closed. istered their disappoint-ment at the decision but vesterday went further. Their team manager Jim Telfer said: "Actually I Scotland could have apdon't like using TV evi-dence when the referee or pealed against the decision but have accepted it 26 Polish girl with German complaint (7) Across 21 Man in centrol of a touch judges have not seen anything. But if a side reluctantly. 7 Beggar gets state hand-out grounded jumbo (6) Leonard is now certain to Down wants to target players — if that is what they were doing — then something has to be done about it. 8 Proposed feed for 1 Rose and disconnected development (7) speaker (7) 10 He raviles a blockhead employer (6) 2 Keep quiet about suit (8) 3 Noisy drinks? (6) Solution tomorrow 11 Certainly in drink, but restrained (8) Solution tomorrow ¹³ Published by Guardian Newspaters Umited at 119 Farmgdor Road London ECIR 3289 and at 164 Deansgote Man-choster M60 2RP, Printed at Lett Fern Printers Lid 255 West Fern Sold London E14 8MV Trathors Park Drifts, Longbridge Poat, Manchester M17 154 Ter-Druckerer GmbH Admiral-Rosendari-Strasse 1 2073 Newserburg Zeppelinheum Germany Nord Estar 1501 rue du Garle BP69 - 59352 Roubory Cedex 1 Frants for ang on berlit of the Guardian and Marchester Exeming News PLC 45,495, Friddy March 9, 1292 Registered as a newspaper at the Prot Citice ISSN 283-0377 Londows Telephone 0171-275 2352, Tubes 811745 (Buard 51, Fan Diff-277 210, Fan 517-BG 344, Telephone salos 0171-611 307 Hanchester Tel 9161-252 7263 - 54 565 4 Switch positions from time to time (3.3.2) 12 Hold up in Paddington, say 5 Points to one of several children as being bright (6) In 1934 Truman anticipated 13 Christian virtue fills a need 6 Ouite a few part with a somehow (4-6) "retirement on a virtual pound (7) 14 A deep malady (3-8) 9 Infant being looked after for no great cost (5,6) pension in some minor county 19 No man's land taken over by Napoleon (6,4) office". A few weeks later he 15 They play by themselves (8) 22 Inadequate tip? (4) was selected for the Senate. 16 Girl to sign for earnings (8) 23 Wild glen redeveloped for 17 Girl has the goods, but Noam Chomsky housing (8) doesn't seem to know it (7) 24 Ascent is difficult for the 18 Informal wear for amateur poor (4-2) 25 They may lead the masses sportsmen (7)

